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## EFFORT TO HALT INFLATION

### Shanghai Economic Police Raid Blackmarketeers, Hoarders

#### 'FRIGHTENING' DEPRECIATION

Shanghai, June 27.  
This inflation-ridden city's 48-hour wild buying abated today as the economic police carried out widespread raids on suspected foreign currency blackmarketeers and commodity hoarders in a belated effort to check the runaway prices.

Mayor K. C. Wu said it was "frightening" the way the inflated Chinese currency lost 50 per cent of its purchasing power in two days.  
The Mayor met with top military police and bank officials, and announced emergency measures to weed out speculators who, he said, will get no mercy.

The measures gave the commodity guilds three days to report the names of all purchasers since June 15. They demanded exhaustive data on Shanghai's existing stocks and on all transactions in goods and securities.

For the first time in four days, featured by the most spectacular spiralling of prices Shanghai has yet known, shopkeepers remained unchanged until closing time.

During that period, retailers in many instances performed mathematical wonders in trying to catch up with the dizzy nimbleness of the American dollar, which rose a few hundred thousand dollars every few hours.

Sunday leisure shoppers were today assessing the full impact of the chaotic situation. A pair of Chinese-made shoes, which 10 days ago cost only about \$7 million, are now priced at \$50 million; a packet of cigarettes—say Lucky Strike—now cost \$800,000, while British cigarettes—preferred among the Chinese well-to-do—say Craven A or State Express—cost well over a million dollars.

#### 200 Per Cent Up

Against the compelling background of the average white-collar salary of \$70 million (for May) the dizzy proportion of the inflation is now almost too easily apparent.

Many shops are continuing their policy of restricting sales since replacement is said to be cutting up profits.

On the whole, the prices demanded today in many lines were more than 200 per cent above those quoted a fortnight ago.

In the meantime, transactions in the foodstuffs markets, including rice, flour, cereal and edible oil, has been suspended by order of the Municipal authorities pending further instructions.

Local bankers today estimated conservatively that the purchasing power of the Chinese currency has been whittled down by 50 to 60 per cent as a result of the unprecedented price spurts of the past two days.

#### Smuggling

#### Profitable

In Nanking, the Control Yuan threw out a resolution for the despatch of a six-man commission to investigate the economic situation in Shanghai and, instead, asked the Executive Yuan to give an immediate reply to its earlier questionnaire inquiring of the steps the Government intended to take to control the price situation.

Legitimate exporters complained that less scrupulous competitors were taking advantage of the ballooning black market exchange quotations on the U.S. dollar to smuggle goods out of the country.

As the difference between legal and illegal rates is wider than ever, even costly round-trip smuggling has become profitable, they said.

However, the "black" interest rates dropped from 35 per cent

### Plea For Foreign Interests

Nanking, June 27.  
A well-known Shanghai lawyer, Kiang Yi-ping, today made a strong plea before the Legislative Yuan Committee for the exemption of foreign owned property from the proposed property tax.

Kiang, who is among opponents of the proposed property tax, charged that the proposed collection of property tax is one of the main causes of the current price fluctuation because many rich men are diverting their investments to gold and foreign currency.

The Legislative Yuan Committee is expected to complete examination of Liu Pu-tung's "seek the rich" bill today. The bill probably will be presented to the Legislative Yuan to take up for the second reading on Tuesday.

Kiang told the committee that taxing foreign property is a violation of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's principles of encouraging foreign investment in China's reconstruction.

He said, for instance, the American-owned Standard Oil Company will follow either of two courses when called upon to pay property tax.

It will either refuse to pay and request Washington to take up the matter diplomatically with the Chinese Government, or pay the tax and use the proceeds to supply gasoline to Chinese markets because the tax would be crippling to the company.—United Press.

### Malaya Terrorists Killed

Singapore, June 27.

British police and Gurkhas today killed two terrorists and arrested two others when they surprised a gang of terrorists inside a house at Bangau, 16 miles east of Johore Bahru.

A fifth terrorist, escaped into the jungle, leaving a trail of blood behind him. Police and military had been searching the area as part of the general drive in Malaya against the wave of murders officially ascribed to "leftwing extremists."

The gangsters, taken by surprise, slammed the door and opened fire.

Terrorists killed nine people in 24 hours yesterday—one of the bloodiest days yet in the wave of violence sweeping the Federation.

Penang's Police Chief, Mr. W. C. Haines, received a letter threatening him with death and calling for a trial of strength with the police and military.—Reuters.

### Chastisement For Catholic MPs

Budapest, June 26.

Well informed circles said they believe excommunication is imminent for Catholic members of Parliament who voted for nationalization of Hungary's schools.

The official Catholic Press Agency Magyar Courier published a statement by Hungarian Catholic bishops quoting a passage of the Canon Law saying the Church can excommunicate those who have "passed a law against the liberty of the Church" or "thwarted the Church in exercising her rights, including the right of maintaining schools."—Associated Press.

### PICTURE OF THE DAY Survivors



THE DANISH passenger vessel "Kjoebenhavn" struck a mine at Kattegat while most of her 400 passengers were sleeping and sank within ten minutes. While on her way from Copenhagen to Aalborg on June 11, in the picture a mother and her child who survived leaves the rescue ship as another survivor weeps on the gangplank rail.—AP Photo.

### Passports For Colony?

Shanghai, June 27.

The China Press reported today that informed sources believe that China may try to curb funds flight to Hong Kong by requiring passports for Chinese travelling to the British Colony.

The paper said such a measure—which Mayor K.C. Wu recently raised as a possibility—would be designed to curb Shanghai's price increases.—United Press.

### Chinese Company Robbed

Five men walked into the premises of the Tin Pui Import and export company at 80 Connaught Road Central yesterday morning and held up the occupants at pistol point.

While three of the robbers menaced the owners and staff with revolvers, the others ransacked drawers and cash boxes, escaping with HK\$3,000 and several hundred United States dollars in cash.

Under Inspector Cashman, the police last night were in pursuit of the criminals.

### COMMUNISTS POURING THROUGH GREAT WALL

Nanking, June 27.

The Manchurian Communists, moving into China Proper, today cut the vital Peiping-Mukden railway inside the Great Wall and smashed into a major station, Changli.

Reports reaching Nanking today said that Communist Manchurian commander Lin Piao's two armies, which breached the Great Wall, carried their offensive to within 30 miles of Tientsin.

Three railway bridges between Tientsin and Tangshan, coal mining centre, were dynamited. All rail traffic north from Tientsin was halted.

The Communists, slinging frontal attacks against government positions along the Nationalist rail line with Manchuria, stormed into Changli, 20 miles south-east of the supply port of Chiungwang.

Reports said the last radio message from the Changli commander was received in Tientsin at 10 a.m. yesterday morning, asking for reinforcements. Since that message the Chinese Nationalist headquarters lost radio contact with the garrison.

Government troops driving north from Luoping, 25 miles west of Changli, recaptured two small stations—Chukchuang and Shihmen.

### Berlin A Parallel Of Munich Crisis

Luton, June 26.  
Winston Churchill said today that the Berlin crisis raises issues as grave as those at stake at Munich 10 years ago, and that even a firm course may not prevent war.

"It is our heart's desire that peace may be preserved, but we should by now have learned that there is no safety in yielding to dictators, whether Nazi or Communist," Mr. Churchill declared.

At a Conservative Party rally, the former Prime Minister pledged Conservative support to the Labour Government if it acts with resolution to "stay in Berlin."

He said: "Last month, on May 14, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said in Parliament, 'We are in Berlin as of right. It is our intention to stay there.' It is certain he would not have said that without having made sure that the United States were equally resolved."

Best Course  
"On the other hand, there is no doubt that the Communist government of Russia has made up its mind to drive us and France and all the other Allies out, and turn the Russian zone in Germany into one of the satellite states under the rule of totalitarian terrorism."

"Russia raises issues as grave as those we know were stake in Munich 10 years ago. 'I cannot guarantee that even a firm and resolute course will ward off the danger which now threatens us. But I am sure that such a course is not merely the best, but the only chance of preventing a third war in which the most fearful agencies of destruction yet known by men will be used to the fullest extent.'—Associated Press.

## NEW FOREIGN TRADE PLANS DRAFTED

### CHINA TO ADOPT MILD PROTECTIVE POLICY

Nanking, June 27.  
The Chinese Government has drafted a new set of foreign trade plans designed to encourage exports and, at the same time, secure the necessary imports without hindering the development of domestic industries, it was learned today.

Under the new plans, full advantage will be taken of the reduced tariffs in force in various countries in accordance with the international customs agreement and appropriate measures will be taken for the control of foreign exchange to boost Chinese exports.

As regard imports, a mild protective policy will be adopted and a revision will be made in the customs tariffs, based on the needs of economic development.

Encouragement will be given to imports of machine parts, industrial equipment and the necessary materials which are unobtainable locally.

In furthering the development of its foreign trade, the Chinese Government also expects to delegate additional commercial attaches to Great Britain, Canada, Australia, the United States and

other countries, besides securing a closer contact with those that have already been assigned.

The following is a general outline of the provisions in the new foreign trade plans:

1.—Agreements will be sought with various countries with a view to extending the scope of the barter trade. Individual traders will be encouraged to contract trade transactions on the basis of the agreements signed.

2.—The Government will extend full assistance to exporters and importers in matters concerning financial payment, transportation and production technique.

3.—Large quantities of products of different categories will be earmarked for export, to be handled directly by Government-operated trading agencies.

4.—Improvement will be made in quality standards and the packing of export cargoes to make Chinese products generally acceptable in foreign markets.—Reuters-AAP.

### European Drowned

A Mr. MacDonald was reported to have been drowned in the vicinity of Green Island at about 5.30 p.m. yesterday, when he fell overboard from a yacht.

Up to a late hour last night, no further details of the tragedy could be obtained.

### WORST FLOOD FOR 50 YEARS

Arrivals from Swatow over the week-end told the "China Mail" yesterday that the flood in the Swatow area recently was the worst in the last 50 years. More than 1,500 acres of farmland were inundated for 10 days.

Homeless farmers and their families were estimated between 200,000 and 300,000. This includes the surrounding districts near the banks of the Han River.

Private messages from Foochow yesterday said that of the province's 69 counties, 30 were affected by the overflow of the Min, Kilung and Ting rivers.

An estimated 10,000 people have been rendered homeless.

During the last few days, Foochow has put on the appearance of a large-scale laundry district. With the sun shining brilliantly in cloudless skies, householders hung out their washing, together with flood-soaked clothes, sodden furniture and a variety of household articles.

In addition, shops took up vacant plots in and outside the city to dry goods which had been under water for several days.

### Deakin's Promise To Strikers

London, June 27.

Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, today promised strikers in London's dock strike that he would immediately open discussion with the Dock Labour Board on possible revision of the disciplinary clauses of their working agreement if they go back to work tomorrow.

Urging workers to go back to work, he said: "I say that the time has come to call it a day, to get back to your jobs tomorrow morning and to allow us to handle this problem in the best way we possibly can."

Meanwhile unconfirmed reports said approximately 15,000 members of the three armed services are standing by for dock duty.

The Sunday Graphic estimated that the two-week wildcat strike cost up to £1,000,000 worth of export goods to be held up.—United Press.

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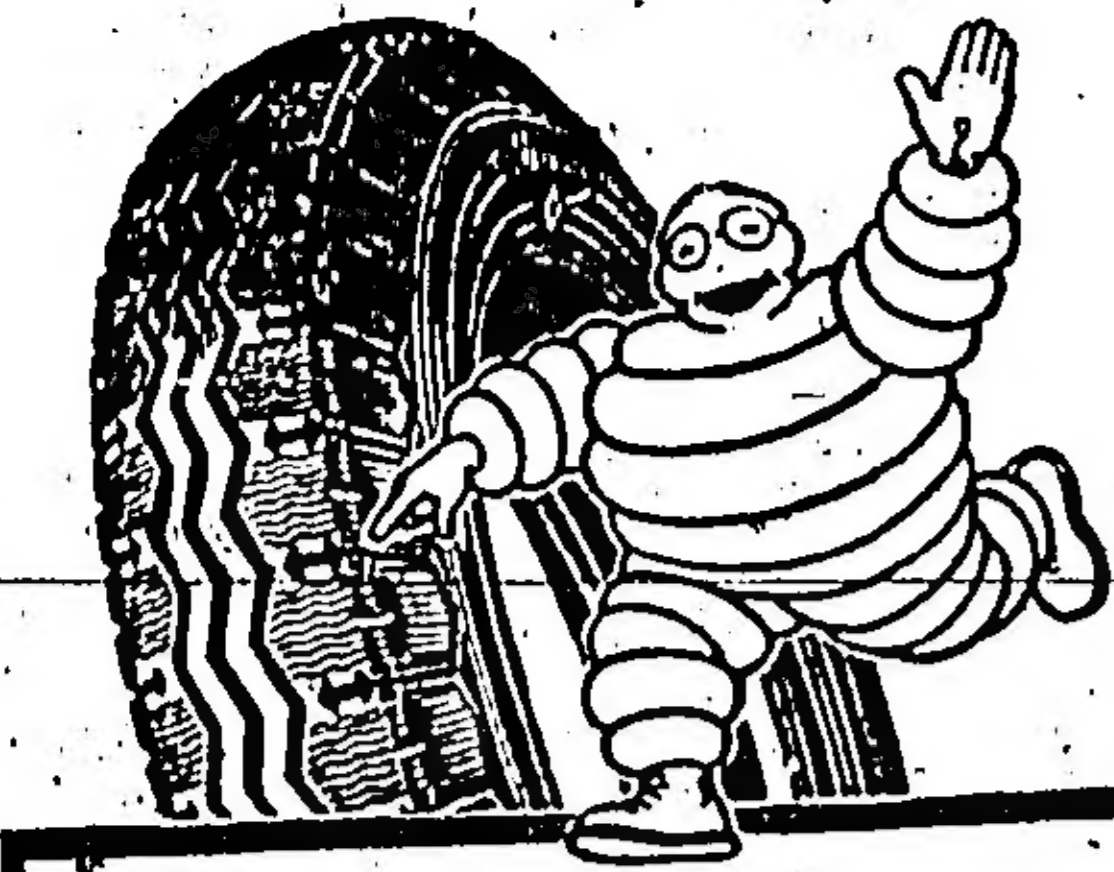
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# PALESTINE WORRY ABOUT FUTURE

Jerusalem, June 21.

With half Palestine's four weeks fruits over, Jerusalem's mood was today rather pessimistic. The most important question was "will the fight reopen on July 9?"

This consideration overshadowed all worries about food, water and electricity, since the resumption of fighting here would end the slight relaxation from the emergency conditions at present noticeable in Jerusalem.

Lorry-loads of food and fuel are reaching Jerusalem daily under the supervision of the United Nations officials. Although the food situation is still far from normal, the people are now eating fresh vegetables, fruit and poultry for the first time for more than two months. These are being distributed in the rationing.

Fuel has been delivered for the power station but there are no signs that private dwellings will receive electricity even for only an hour or two every few days. The tension in Jerusalem continues greatly with the comparative calm among the people of Tel Aviv, whose pre-occupation during the past few days has centred around the differences among the various Jewish factions.

## Americans Leave

But the war against the Arabs seems much further away in Tel Aviv than in Jerusalem, where the feeling that the Arabs are only a stone's throw away never recedes completely.

Yesterday, 120 American citizens, stranded in Jerusalem during the siege, were taken to Haifa under the auspices of the American Consulate-General.

The United States liner Marine Corp (12,420 tons) will take them to America. Most of them were Jews but there were also a few Arabs. They travelled in three Jewish buses along the much-disputed Tel Aviv highway, accompanied by the American Consulate car, flying the United States flag, but without armed escorts.

## Luzon Piracy

Manila, June 26. Two fast-sailing yachts (native craft) bent on piracy swooped into one of the small islands that dot the Sulu Sea last week, according to a Constabulary report, quoted in the Manila Bulletin.

Twenty more pirates, said the report, raked a house in Day Date with small arms fire, killed two of the occupants and wounded three others.

The raiders then ransacked the house and escaped with their booty.—Reuter.

## Berlin Situation "Explosive"

Washington, June 26.

Authoritative sources disclosed today that the American attitude toward the Soviet efforts to isolate Berlin is under top level review. The authorities said the situation is "explosive and grave" but they doubted that the Russians are prepared to use force.

Informants could not say whether this important policy review would result in any new measures to strengthen the position of American military forces in Berlin.

But it was learned that Government departments are in almost constant communication with General Lucius D. Clay, American military commander in Germany, and American officials in London and Paris.

Secretary of State George Marshall is being kept informed of the Berlin crisis at Walter Reed Hospital where he has been undergoing a week-long routine physical examination.

There are no plans at present to protest against the Soviet activities in Berlin directly to Moscow through diplomatic channels.

Officials said that the present situation in Berlin, if further aggravated by the Russians, could become "grave."

The Soviet actions were felt to be aimed at making the position of the Western Powers "more untenable and difficult" in Berlin.

It was recalled that the Russians undertook similar measures several months ago but gave up.

One reliable informant said the situation undoubtedly would become "explosive" if the Russians try to force the Western Powers out "in clear violation of the existing Four Power agreements."—United Press.

Interest coupons due on July 15, 1948, in respect of the Hong Kong Dollar Loan (1934 and 1940 Loan issues) and 3½ per cent Rehabilitation Dollar Loan 1970/1978 will be paid at the Head Office of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or at the office of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China on July 15.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, a Chinese woman, Lam Man-ching, aged 23, fell into the harbour near Canal Road at its junction with Gloucester Road. She was rescued and sent to hospital.

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## Vice-President In Peiping

Shanghai, June 27.

General Li Tsung-jen, the Vice-President, arrived in Peiping yesterday afternoon on his first visit to North China since his selection at the end of March.

He told reporters that he intended to study the North China military and administrative situation at first hand preparatory to making recommendations to President Chiang Kai-shek for a general improvement.—Reuter.

## Complaints On ILO Delegates

San Francisco, June 26.

Complaints were lodged today with the Credentials Committee of the International Labour Organisation against the seating of labour delegates from India, Cuba, Argentina, France, Greece, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

Most of the protests were based on the grounds that the delegates were not representatives of their countries and not legally elected to serve as ILO delegates.

The heaviest protests came against Leon Jouhaux, President of the French anti-Communist Force Ouvrière.

Four separate complaints were lodged by Giuseppe Vittorio, General Secretary of the Communist-led Italian Confederation of Labour, Wladimir Zolowski, Polish workers' delegate of the French anti-Communist Force Ouvrière, and a delegate from Czechoslovakia and by the French Communist-led CGT.—United Press.

## LIGHT ORCHESTRA ENTERTAINS KCC

The large number of members and friends of the Kowloon Cricket Club who attended the Hong Kong Light Orchestra's third public appearance on Saturday night gave Conductor Bill Apps and his instrumentalists such a hearty reception as to leave no doubt of this Orchestra's fast growing popularity.

The well-balanced programme of 14 selections was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience who showed their appreciation in no uncertain manner.

Doubtless carried away by their own enthusiasm the "winds" were slightly too strong in the finale, "Show Boat" (Jerome Kern), drowning, at times, the other instruments.

M. H. Fan, the chief storehouse, was very good, while H. V. Ardy (Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Conductor and player) handled his castanets and bells like a professional. Incidentally, Ardy with another instrumentalist nearly brought the house down with their impersonation of Persian merchants in the Interlude, "In a Persian Market" (A. W. Ketelby).

Joan Turville was, while not superb, really splendid. She had apparently got over her fear of audiences, as there was not the slightest nervousness when his maestro first stepped on to the stage. Her voice carried very well, and her singing contained that degree of lights and shades of expression which stamps her as a cantatrice of high ability.

## Indifferent Piano

It was a pity that Madame O. Pokrovsky should be called upon to perform on an indifferent piano for she was unable to do justice to herself, or to Jean Turville in the accompaniments.

As Mr. Ezra Abraham, Chairman of the K.C.C., said after the performance, the Orchestra gave the Club members a great treat, and it is to be hoped that the public will have more opportunities of listening to the pioneers of light music.

Perhaps, ZBW could persuade these artists to go on the air in the very near future.

## Russia Buying Up Rubber

London, June 26.

Large-scale Russian purchases of rubber have given rise to speculation that the Soviet is building up strategic reserves of potential war material. The purchases have been stepped up in the past few weeks.

Up to now Russia has acquired 80,000 tons of rubber—nearly three times the amount in 1947, it was learned.

The Manchester Guardian, registering today's "uneasy comment on the heavy Russian purchases" in City quarters, said the clash in Berlin stirred memories of the intense German purchases of raw materials in London in the final months before the outbreak of war.

It was suggested, however, that the purchases may also be due to the change of view in Moscow over the trend of world prices.

The pressure of Russian buyers in commodity markets is already blamed for some rises in prices.

The recent Soviet contracts for rubber have been placed for shipment up to October of this year with most cargoes being shipped from Malaya, while the actual buying took place mainly in London, the Guardian said.—United Press.

## PATERSON CLEARS 6'4"

Glasgow, June 26.

Alan Paterson, British Olympic boxer, cleared six feet four inches in the high jump at the Glasgow Police Sports meeting today. He failed three times to reach six feet three inches.

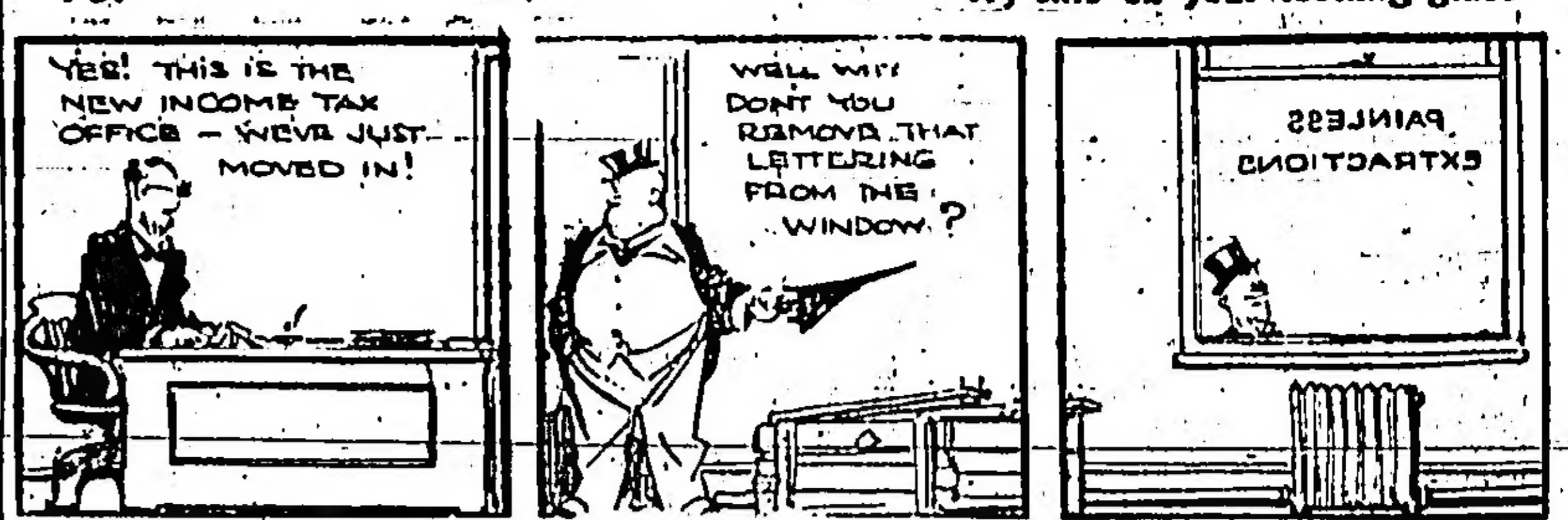
Allister McCordquale, a London runner, again beat E. Macdonald Bailey, the West Indian ace, in a special 120 yards race. McCordquale, in scoring his third successive win against Bailey, won by half a yard in 11.7 seconds.

Bailey, in winning his earlier heat, was clocked in 11.5.—Associated Press.

A Chinese man fell from the second floor verandah of a house in Jaffe Road at 4.30 a.m. He was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

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## "President Dewey" Would Help China

Washington, June 26.

Representative Walter Judd, leading Republican advocate of full aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, told the United Press today that he is "confident" that if Governor Thomas Dewey is elected, the United States will have a "sound and consistent" aid programme for the Nationalists.

Judd is from Minnesota and backed Harold E. Stassen at the Republican Convention but conceded that Dewey had the "most forthright views" on China.

Judd strongly favours a military aid programme which will put United States officers directly in the field with Chinese armies similar to the United States practice in Greece.

He said he thinks this will "certainly be the policy after Jan. 20 when I believe the Republicans will be in power."

Judd pointed out that John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs adviser, who is generally believed to be Dewey's choice for Secretary of State, is in close touch with the Far East.

He recalled that Dulles' grandfather, John Foster, was Secretary of State in 1892 when the first foundations of the Open Door were laid.

## Military Aid

Judd expressed the opinion that "Dulles will be the best authority on the Far East since John Hay." He said Dewey outlined the general anti-Communist views on China in a speech on Nov. 25 at Columbia University—and Dewey has not changed.

Judd said that Dewey favours for China economic aid of at least \$250,000,000 annually for three years plus military aid. He said that Dewey favours the transfer of surplus combat material on Pacific islands to China as well as to stabilize the currency.

Judd emphasized that the Chinese must get technical help in addition to supplies and said, "Training is just as important as supplies."

He castigated Secretary of State George Marshall for the

appointment of Dr. J. Leighton Stuart which he described as an attempt to placate the Communists. Judd hoped that the administration will appoint Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer to succeed Stuart.

Judd said that if it is not Wedemeyer then the Administration should name William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to France and also a strong advocate of aid to Chiang.

## Still Hope

Judd said, "If the Chinese, by some miracle, can hang on until Jan. 20, when the Republicans expect to take over the Government, the situation can still be saved. And if Wedemeyer or Bullitt is named before then, there will be room for some hope."

Judd criticized the suggestion that a career man be appointed. He said this would only continue Marshall's policy of "drift and indecision."

Although the State Department still insisted that it has no word yet that Stuart's resignation had been accepted, diplomatic circles speculated that the difficulty of obtaining a well known public figure for successor may force the naming of a career man as an "interim" basis.

Judd's proposal that Bullitt be sent was not regarded seriously in view of Bullitt's criticism of the Marshall policy before the Congress and in a Luce publication.

## Singapore C.G.P.

Judd himself said that while Wedemeyer did the "best job" of any United States representative in China recently, it is doubtful whether the Army would take him off his present job which is making top secret Army plans.

The name of the Singapore Consul General, Paul Josslyn, 63-year-old, Far East career man, was mentioned as a possibility for a foreign service man is picked. Josslyn served throughout China before World War II and returned as Consul General in Shanghai in 1945 before going to Singapore. He is regarded highly by the State Department.—United Press.

## Speeding Up Jap Post Offices

Tokyo, June 27.

The Japanese Communications Ministry today sponsored a currency inspection and counting contest among 80 competing Tokyo's 80 post offices in a move to speed up work of post offices because of mountains of bills which must be handled daily owing to the inflation.

It is understood that Tokyo's post-offices alone handle as much as 30,000,000 yen in bills daily in savings, deposits and withdrawals.

Thirty-year-old Yasujiro Suzuki, of Tokyo General Post Office, won the contest, handling 1,000 bills of 100 yen denomination worth 100,000 yen in four minutes and 50 seconds.

Suzuki received 600 yen—about \$2 purchasing power—as prize.—United Press.

## Starting From Scratch

Frankfurt, June 26.

West Germany's banking system will start from scratch under the third and last stage of the currency reform for the British, American, and French zones, it was announced here today.

The man in the street will get one new Deutsche Mark for every ten old marks in his bank account.

The reform, which operates from midnight tonight, scales down private debts, except bank debts to one 10th. The public debt is cancelled and replaced by new 3½ State bonds to reflect the banks.

Wages, including back pay, salaries and social insurance payments will stay at their old pre-reform level.—Reuter.

Public auction of 17 lots of Crown Land in the New Territories will be held at the District Office, New Territories, Kowloon Magistrate's Building, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. on July 8.

One lot of Crown Land will be auctioned at the Office of the Public Works Department on July 6, at 8 p.m.

## Young's Despatch

Sir Mark Young's (Governor of Hong Kong in December, 1941) despatch, on the "Battle of Hong Kong" will be included in the Government Gazette next Friday. The despatch will contain the events leading up to the surrender of the Colony to the Japanese on Dec. 25, 1941. Loose copies of the despatch, addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, will be on sale at the Public Relations Office on Friday morning.

## Reciprocal Agreements Urged

Nanking, June 27.

Liu Wei-chih, chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, appearing before the Legislative Yuan Committee, urged reciprocal agreements with friendly nations covering immigration quotas, immigration procedures, and general improvement of the status of Chinese nationals abroad.

Liu urged legislation which would:

- 1—Provide Overseas Chinese schools with financial subsidies, textbooks and teachers.
- 2—Economic protection for overseas Chinese.
- 3—Facilitate remittances by overseas nationals to China and freedom for returning overseas Chinese import of gold, and foreign currencies.

Liu asked the Committee to recommend larger appropriations to permit the Commission to expand its services to Chinese abroad.—Associated Press.

## Personalia

At Rosary Church yesterday, Miss Cheung Siu-hock, only daughter of Mr. Cheng Kiu-kan, was married to Mr. Lun Ming-dor, son of Mr. Che Tong.

Father H. de Angelis celebrated. A reception was held in the Rosary Church parlour, after which the newly-weds left for Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lun intend to leave from Canton for the United States.

Mr. Che Tong is a well-known restaurant owner.



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## READER'S LETTER

**Education Film**  
 Sir,—The latest "March of Time" which is being screened at the King's Theatre entitled "U.S. Teacher's Crisis" is a most timely production, particularly in regard to Hong Kong.

As education is one of the greatest problems in Hong Kong today and underpaid teachers are receiving but scant consideration, it is believed that the King's Theatre would be performing a public service if it would invite members of the Education Department, as well as all other parties concerned with education in this Colony, to see this very illuminating film.

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## RUSSIANS PLAYING A CAGEY GAME

New York, June 26. Despite increasing pressure on the Allies in Berlin, the Warsaw conference indicates clearly that Russia not only intends to confine her actions to the political field, but also is continuing her "peace offensive."

Although they are threatening the lifelines of 2,000,000 Germans in Berlin, the Communists also apparently hope to be able to continue their pose as friends of a unified Germany.

Even while withdrawing from the four-power food pool and turning the East-West demarcation line into a solid wall, they talk about negotiations for an all-German Government.

They want to resume four power discussions where they were when their Foreign Minister Molotov scuttled them at Moscow.

The Russians are probably the most eager, and at the same time,

## Battle Now For Europe

Vatican City, June 26. The Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, said today that the battle for Germany has become the battle for Europe.

In a page one editorial, the semi-official daily said: "Divided in two by the Iron Curtain, leaving the two halves to join two opposing systems, the problem of German unity constitutes the most delicate point in the unity or division of Europe."

"If Germany is divided today, we cannot think of the possibility of a united Europe tomorrow whatever may be the form or formula to create it."

"On the contrary, if one of the two opposing blocs would draw a united Germany into its own system this would constitute in Europe a decisive balance in its favour."

"There is no longer here an economic question but a political question, and the battle for Germany becomes the battle for Europe."—United Press.

## Shanghai, PO Rulings

Shanghai, June 27. The acceptance of ordinary mail for Palestine has been temporarily suspended, the local Post Office announced today. It also revealed that international "air mail letters" forms made in foreign countries are not considered to be usable in China even though they are prepared as such with postage stamps.

Forms of foreign origin posted with names and addresses of senders given thereon will be returned to the senders, while those bearing no such names and addresses will be treated as ordinary air mail letters and taxed.

Owing to the disturbed situation in Honan Province, only letters and postcards are accepted for all places in the province. The acceptance of other categories of mail matter therefore is temporarily suspended from today.—Reuters.

## COMMUNIST RESIGNS

Rome, June 26. Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of the Italian Socialist Party's Pro-Communist section, tonight sprang a surprise by announcing his resignation from the editorship of the party's organ, Avanti, on the eve of the opening of the Congress of the Italian Socialist Party in Genoa tomorrow.

At the Conference, the party must decide whether to continue its collaboration with the Communists.—Reuters.

## ARGENTINA WANTS DOLLARS

Buenos Aires, June 26. Argentina announced today that Britain and other European countries will be required to pay in dollars if they buy food after the termination of the present barter treaties.—Associated Press.

## Manila Air Bid

Manila, June 26. The National Airports Corporation's new \$110,000 terminal at the Manila International airport (formerly Nichols Field) was inaugurated this afternoon in the presence of more than 1,000 visitors headed by ranking Government, Army and Navy officials.

In this connection, Manila is making a strong bid to become the terminal for the different commercial airlines operating in the Far East. It is understood that Pan American World Airways are planning to make Manila their principal aerial hub in the Orient.—Reuters.

## Blind Will Pay Expenses

New York, June 26. The John Milton Society for the Blind announced today that 1,000 blind Americans have undertaken to pay all expenses of Helen Keller's current trip to the Pacific, Asia and the Middle East.

The Society's General Secretary, Dr. Milton T. Stauffer said he is enabling the news to Miss Keller in Sydney, Australia, on Sunday, which is her 68th birthday.

The cable says: "We are thrilled over your approaching mission of hope to the 12,000,000 blind in the Orient and the Near East."

Miss Keller is scheduled to visit Japan in September, Korea in October, China in November, and the Philippines in late December and early January.—United Press.

## Berliners Asking—Will Allies Leave?

Berlin, June 26. Worried Berliners are asking one big question—will the Western Allies leave Berlin under Soviet pressure?

It is heard "on all sides" in food queues, in the long lines of Berliners waiting to exchange old money for new, in homes and on street corners. Even food has become momentarily secondary in the minds of Berliners.

2,000,000 Germans in Western Berlin, most of whom have not had a big meal in more than three years, are experiencing again the discomforts of darkened homes. Last winter it was because of a coal shortage. Now it is because of the Russian power cutoff. And one day their stoves may be cold because there is no coal for gas.

In the face of this dreary outlook, most of them just shrug. "It isn't for us to say anything," a German secretary said. "We do what we are told to do. It is just possible we could do a better job alone."

What about the new currency issued by the Western Allies, which precipitated the Russian retaliations? "It's a good thing," a waiter said.

This was the general view of the Western zone Germans, who exchanged their old marks for the new Deutsche mark.

"The East (Soviet zone) mark is the same old mark with a stamp on it," one said. "It has only the Russian zone behind it. You can buy seven of the new Russian marks with one of these West zone marks already." (The rate was 25 to one on some black markets.)

Some Germans, particularly women, are worried more about a new war than their future food supply or the value of their money. Rumours revolve about the reported departure of British, French and American forces.

One current among Germans was that Major General Alexander Kottlov, Russian commandant in Berlin, had given the Western Allies 60 hours to leave the city.—Associated Press.

Sealed tenders for repairing the Motor Launch "Lila" have been called for by the P.W.D.

## ITALIAN FOOD TRADE STRIKE

Rome, June 26. All workers in the Italian wholesale food trades came out on strike today and slaughter houses, ice plants flour mills and similar undertakings were at a standstill though shops carried on.

The stoppage was called as a protest against the dismissal of several hundred workers from a sweet factory and several Milan shops.

Political motives were thought to underlie this strike and the general strikes in Pisa and Brescia, all of which are regarded as a prelude to a bigger movement.

The nationwide strike of food workers started with the dismissal of workers from the Milan shops of the Motta Company.

After yesterday's meeting, the Cabinet warned the workers that "their right to strike should not be used to disturb public order nor to infringe the freedom of work."—Reuters.

## BOLLAERT'S TRIP TO PARIS

Paris, June 26. General Nguyen van Xuan, President of the Provisional Central Government of Vietnam, was said today to have been making contact with representatives of the Nationalist resistance movement, sections of whom might recognise the Central Government, the French Press Agency reported from Saigon.

The President is to establish ministries and draft the constitution of the National Constituent Assembly when he arrives on Wednesday in Hanoi, which has been chosen as the administrative capital.

The French Government will shortly have to defend its Indo-China policy in the National Assembly and this adds significance to the expected arrival here on Monday of the High Commissioner for Indochina, M. Emile Bollaert.

M. Bollaert will make a full report to the Government on the position in Indochina since the signing on June 5 of the agreement recognising the newly-formed Government of General Xuan.

According to the latest diplomatic despatches from Indochina, there have been no important internal changes during the past few weeks.

The visit of the High Commissioner coincided with the presence in the French capital of ex-Empress Bao Dai of Annam. The latter's visit, however, is described as strictly private.—Reuters.

## SOKOLOVSKY ARRESTED BY AMERICAN M.P.'S!

Berlin, June 26. American military police this evening arrested the Soviet Military Governor, Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, for speeding in the United States sector of Berlin, police officials stated. The Marshal's car was detained for 30 minutes and he was released without being booked on a charge.

Marshal Sokolovsky was in a limousine accompanied by several people when his car was stopped by the American police. The car was halted on the road leading into the city from Potsdam, the United States Provost Marshal's Office stated.

Marshal Sokolovsky's normal route for his trip, from his residence to his headquarters at Karlshorst, is along this road, which passes through the American sector.

The Marshal's car, a big modern American Buick, was halted near Wannsee, a lake-side residential district in the American sector near the Soviet zonal boundary.

According to the police, Marshal Sokolovsky sat in his car

for the 30 minutes he was detained. Later it was not established whether the car contained anyone beside the Marshal and his driver.

**Release Order**  
 The Russian Military Governor was released on the personal instruction of General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor. His arrest was in accordance with orders issued earlier in the week to American military police road patrols to arrest and escort to the nearest police headquarters any Russian soldier caught speeding on the Autobahn.

The American police patrol car was reported to be mounting a machine-gun.

After studying his documents, the patrol took Marshal Sokolovsky to a military police station where an American colonel telephoned General Clay and received a personal order for the Marshal's release.

General Clay said a correspondent of the German news agency DENA, that, as soon as he heard of the incident, he sent a written apology to Marshal Sokolovsky.—Reuters.

## HK Rice Loan To Philippines

Hong Kong is making a loan of 10,000 tons of rice to the Philippines, an official statement disclosed on Saturday. Eight thousand tons will be shipped on Tuesday by the s.s. Susanna.

The loan, in addition to 15,000 tons from the Netherlands East Indies, is to tide the Philippines over until the autumn harvest.

The local official spokesman said yesterday that the loan will not affect the size of the ration in Hong Kong as the rice will be replaced by the time the rice loan would have been issued in the normal course of events. There was no danger of the Colony running short in the meantime.

**Six Months' Supply**

The spokesman added that with six months' supply of rice in stock and more to come before the end of the year, it was obviously better to make the loan than to keep thousands of tons in stock and the danger of deterioration while the people in the Philippines were going short. The loan will also relieve congestion in local godowns.

The 10,000 tons of rice lent to the Philippines include all grades and qualities and there was no question of their receiving better rice than is provided for the public in Hong Kong, said the spokesman. None of the first grade Siamese rice will be shipped, as it is being reserved for the Colony's workers.

## REPUBLICAN LEADER

Philadelphia, June 26. Representative Hugh D. Scott, Jr. of Pennsylvania, was chosen today to head the Republican National Committee.

He was chosen by Governor Dewey, Presidential nominee, and his running-mate Governor Warner, to take over the party leadership, succeeding Carroll Reece of Tennessee.—Associated Press.

## Reminders

**Today**  
 Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
 American International Assurance Co., Ltd., extraordinary meeting, 12-14, Queen's Road Central, 11 a.m.  
 H.K. Club, members meeting, at Clubhouse, 8.30 p.m.  
 Cocktail party in honour of Sir Man-kam Lo by Major and Mrs. M. Churn, Jacobus Room, H.K. Hotel, 6-7.30 p.m.

**Coming Events**  
 TOMORROW  
 Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
 H.K. Rotary Club (closed-meeting), Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
 Women's Guild Meeting, Kowloon Union Church, 10 a.m.  
 Sino-British Club (Gramophone Group) lecture illustrated by records, Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Games Morning, European YMCA.  
 H.K. & Yau-mat Ferry Co., Ltd., annual meeting, 144-148, Des Voeux Road Central, 11 noon.

**THURSDAY**  
 Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
 Dominion Day commemoration: wreath-laying ceremony at Saiwan Military Cemetery, 10 a.m.; reception at H.K. Club annex, 6.30-8 p.m.; special broadcast over ZBW, Mahjong Class, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

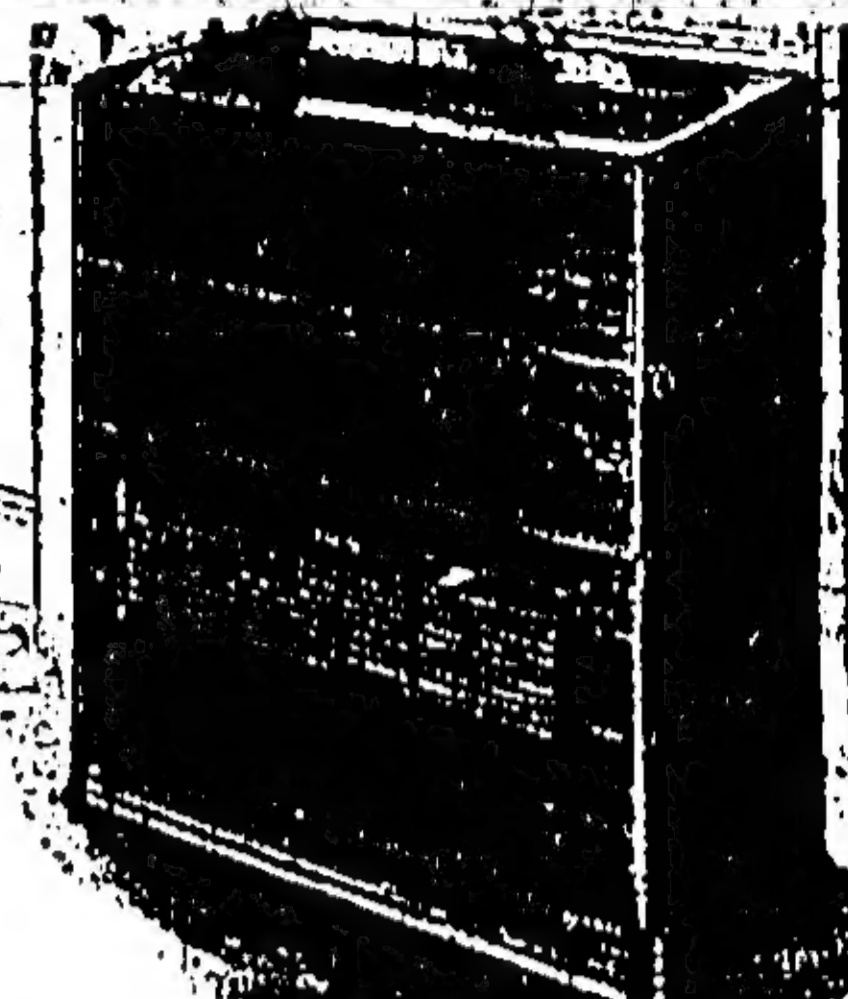
**FRIDAY**  
 Classical Music Concert, European YMCA, 8 p.m.  
 Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

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 "The Magic Lamp", staged by Rosary Church Club, Club de Recoletos, 9 p.m.

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Tenders which may be for all or any of the stores, will not be accepted after noon on Friday, 2nd July, 1948.

E. F. S. FISHER,  
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## PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to Dr. RENATO EMILIO ALVARES of 5 Julia Avenue, 1st Floor, Homantin, Kowloon, duplicate Certificates for 5 Fully Paid-up and 10 \$5-Paid-up Shares in this Company—Certificate numbers and Distinctive numbers UNKNOWN—upon a declaration that the original Certificates have been lost or mislaid. And Notice is hereby given that, if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof, the above Certificates be not forthcoming, the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT, and NEW Certificates for the said Shares will be issued in their stead by the Company.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1948.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 20th May, 1948.

### NOTICE.

**THE HONGKONG & YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.**

Notice is hereby given that the Twentieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 2nd Floor, 144-148 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday the 30th June, 1948 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1947 and for the Special Business mentioned below.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

The following resolution will be proposed: "THAT THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY BE INCREASED FROM \$1,000,000 TO \$5,000,000."

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 30th June, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
LAU TAK PO,  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.  
Hong Kong, 14th June, 1948.

## HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

### MONTHLY TICKETS

Monthly Ticket holders can travel on any tramcar and on any route during the month of issue; there are no restrictions on the number of journeys taken.

Tickets for the month of July may be obtained, as follows:—

New tickets for passengers not holding a ticket for the present month can be obtained only at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on and after 30th June.

Existing tickets can be renewed at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on the 25th, 26th and 27th June and from 2nd July.

Tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road East, near Star Ferry, on 28th, 29th, 30th June and 1st July.

V. WALKER  
Acting General Manager  
25th June, 1948.

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Partly Paid New Issue Shares

The owners of partly paid shares are reminded that, under the terms of issue, the final instalment of \$50.00 per share MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE 30TH JUNE, 1948.

Any person owning such shares who is not in possession of the requisite form which has to be presented when payment is made, should make immediate application for same to the Company.

Payment should be made to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
G. B. S. THOMSON,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 24th June, 1948.

## THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND, in respect of the year 1948, of \$0.80 per share, less 10% Corporation Profits Tax, has been declared payable on and after July 15th, 1948.

Applications for Dividend Warrants should be made either personally or by letter to the Registered Office of the Company, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to 15th July, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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Hong Kong, 11th June, 1948.

## HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

The Hong Kong Stage Club will be holding a Casting Meeting for a new radio play in King George's Hall at the Missions to Seamen, Gloucester Road, at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th June.

All interested are invited to attend.

## THE HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

### Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Mezzanine Floor, Windsor House, Hong Kong, on Wednesday 30th June, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
G. MILNE  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th June, 1948.

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"THAT the name of the Company be changed to THE HONG KONG EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY, LIMITED."

Dated the 24th day of June, 1948.

(Sd.) E. Ott.  
Chairman.

### NOTICE

**THE HONG KONG CLUB.**

Members of The Hong Kong Club are reminded that an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the Club House at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th June, 1948.

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## Exaggerations Of Chinese Civil War

## Battles Without Bloodshed

It is the growing conviction of neutral observers here that both sides in China's civil war are fighting much harder on paper than on battlefields. Why both the Government and Communists magnify minor skirmishes into bloody struggles and wage destructive campaigns which leave no signs of destruction and never more than a handful of prisoners, despite huge casualty claims, is puzzling.

## Third Quarter Aid Cut

Washington, June 28. A cut of about 200,000,000 dollars in the amount of aid asked for by Europe for the July-September quarter of the Marshall plan was disclosed by authoritative quarters here today.

This news came as work was almost completed on the bilateral agreements with the United States, which the 16 nations must sign if the aid is to continue after next Saturday.

The cut was decided because of the limited funds available for the full year's programme.

It was disclosed that the American request for a promise from the recipient nations to guarantee "most favoured nation" treatment to Germany and Japan has been dropped, and will be covered instead by an exchange of notes between America and the various nations.—Reuter.

## Jap Govt Secure For Now

Tokyo, June 27. The Japanese press predicted today that the Government, following its recent success in the Diet over the Nishio case, will remain in office for some months yet.

Final agreement on the budget is expected to be reached among the three Government parties today and its passage through the Diet in the current session seems assured.

Observers do not expect the next few months to be easy, however. The Nishio affair has still to be cleared up and the rift in the Social Democratic Party between left and right wings probably will grow wider with time.

According to the newspaper Asahi, Yoshida's Democratic Liberal Party is greatly depressed because of the serious defeat it received in the Diet when its motion of no-confidence in Nishio was thrown out. Poor tactics on the part of party leaders are blamed.—Reuter.

## US STRIKING FORCE

Norfolk, Va., June 28. The United States Army plans to have a mobile striking force of 18 fully-manned and equipped infantry and armoured divisions by 1949, Brigadier General Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, said today.

He told members of the Armed Forces Staff College here: "Our plan contemplates a striking force ready to go into immediate action in the case of an emergency and this force will be the nucleus of the new army."—Reuter.

## U.S. BUDGET SURPLUS

Washington, June 27. Treasury records on Friday showed the US Government budget surplus at US\$8,870,404,000, with only one week left in fiscal 1948.—Associated Press.

### Copyright For Photos

Brussels, June 28. Copyright protection for films and photographs in future will be available on the same basis as for literature and other applied arts as the result of a revised text of the Berne Convention, for the protection of authors' rights. Other revisions included protection rights to include the life-of-the-author and a minimum of 50 years after his death; and an author to have the exclusive right to control the recording of a work as radio broadcasts and relays.—Reuter.

## LEOPOLD WON'T ABDICATE

Brussels, June 27. Self-exiled King Leopold, in a letter to the Belgian Premier, proclaimed that he would not abdicate and asked that the question of his return to the throne be decided by popular vote.

The King's letter pointed out that the heir to the throne, 17-year-old Prince Baudouin, would retain his constitutional majority on Sept. 7 next, but it added, "That would not alter my constitutional position."

The King said the Belgian constitution did not force a King to abdicate. He added that he would overrule this point. "If it is certain Belgium no longer has any confidence in me, I do not have this conviction,"—United Press.

## Mr. Nehru Hints At War

Lucknow, June 27. The time has come "when we shall have to send our forces to Hyderabad," Pandit Nehru, the Indian Premier, said here today.

He was referring to the possibility of an armed conflict between the Dominion of India and the State of Hyderabad over the question of accession to India.

"But before we do we shall have to examine all interrelated issues arising from such a course. I am not afraid of using the Army, but we must visualize the reaction to this step in the international sphere."

Speaking in defence of the Government's attitude towards Hyderabad and Kashmir, Pandit Nehru said the Hyderabad problem deserved a dispassionate and balanced assessment of all unforeseen problems which might arise in the event of an armed conflict between India and Hyderabad.—Reuter.

## SUGAR PRICE ADVANCE

New York, June 27. The first advance in refined sugar prices by a major refiner since the industry was decontrolled last year was announced on Saturday by California and Hawaii Sugar Refiner Corporation.

The company advanced its price of refined sugar to 7.55 cents a pound, effective at the close of business on Monday.

This is 15 points above its price on the Pacific Coast and 25 points higher than in other marketing areas extending to Chicago. When sugar was decontrolled, the Chicago price was 8.40 cents a pound. Prices drifted lower from the level, but recent strength in raw sugar, if maintained, indicates a reversal of that trend.—Associated Press.

## CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 27. Wheat prices continued to slide toward the Government loan level on Saturday. Hedging pressure was one factor in the downturn, as were reports of much greater than expected yield from the Kansas wheat harvest.

The Government interim support level here is \$2.25 a bushel for No. 1 hard wheat. Wheat closed 1 1/2% lower.

July \$2.30 1/2-3/4.  
September \$2.30-\$2.20 1/2.  
December \$2.20 1/4-1/2.  
Corn was 1/4% lower to 1/4-1/2 higher. Soybeans were 1/4% lower to 1/2% higher.—Associated Press.

## ITALY STRIKE SUSPENDED

Trieste, June 28. The general strike called yesterday by the Italian Labour Organisation was suspended today after the senior civil affairs officer of the Allied Military Government had agreed to receive the strike leaders.

The strike was called in protest against Communist activity in the shipyards.—Reuter.

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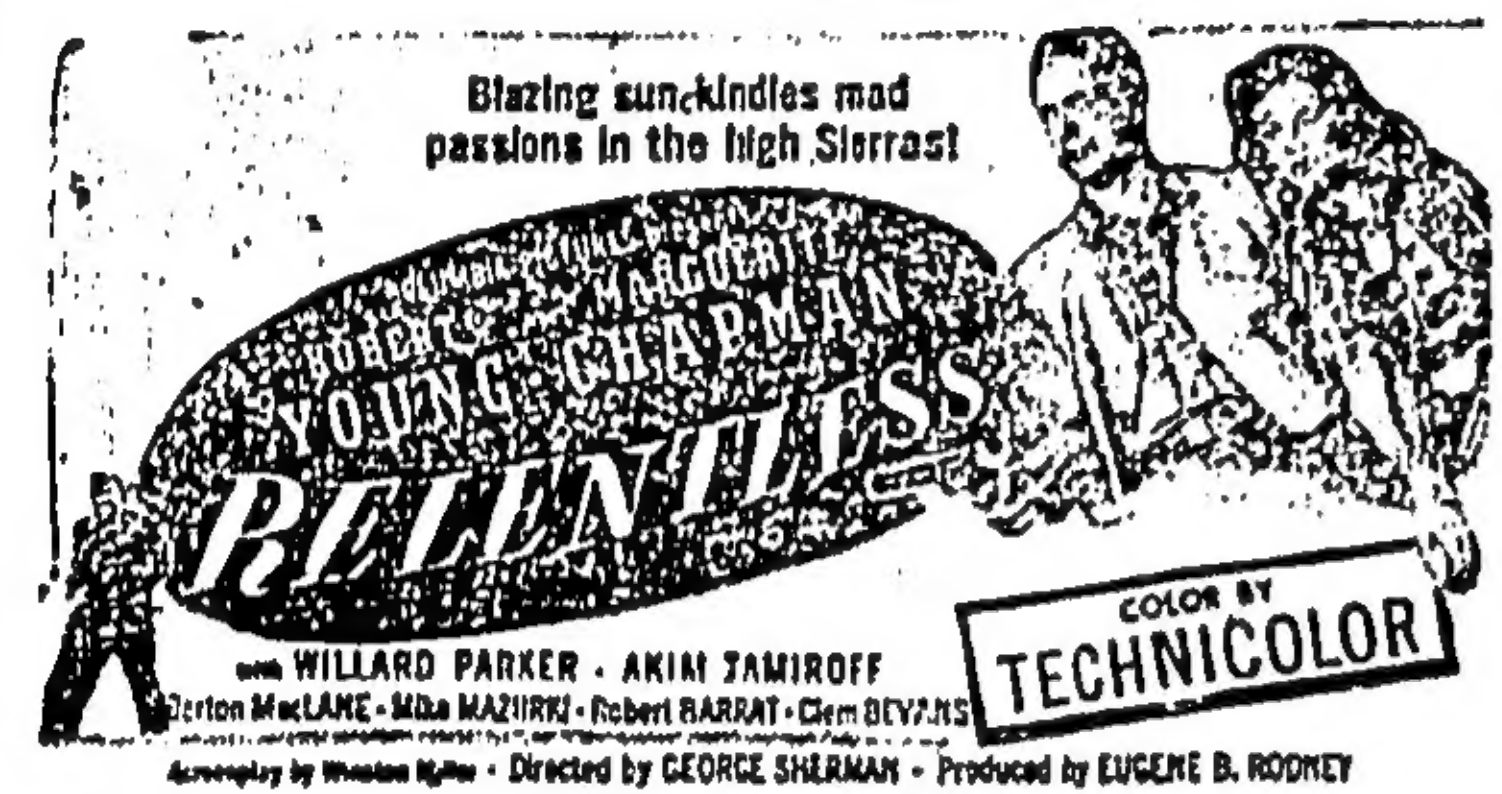
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## TWENTY MILLIONS HOMELESS IN CHINESE SUMMER FLOODS

### ALARMING DAMAGE TO CROPS

Nanking, June 26.  
At least 20,000,000 Chinese have been made homeless and more than 2,000,000 acres of farmland inundated by summer floods in nine Central and South China provinces, according to reports reaching the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

A Ministry spokesman said crop losses alone were reaching an "alarming figure" and with the loss in production due to the civil war, may produce famine conditions over large areas of China.

In Hunan Province alone, officials estimated that flood waters, due to protracted rainfall, cut rice crops by 50,000,000, while 8,000,000 farmers were made homeless and 322,000 acres of the nation's farmland were damaged by the flooding of five rivers.

As a result of torrential rainfall in May and June, the Ministry studied flood reports from the provinces of Kiangsi, Anhwei, Hupeh, Szechwan, Kiangsu, Kwangtung, Fukien and Kwangsi.

From Wuhu, centre of Anhwei's wheat and rice producing areas, officials reported the loss of wheat crop of at least 12,000,000 piculs, with crops of wheat, rice and beans "totally destroyed" in at least five districts.

The Government's Director of Agriculture, Chow Mu, told the Associated Press that crop losses in Anhwei and Hunan, which are the traditional granaries for Shanghai and Nanking, "create further deterioration in the already grave food situation."

Completion of the Yangtze Valley "TVA," for which plans were drawn some years ago, would have prevented most of the food damage, Chow Mu said. He added that by the co-operation of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, farmers in the south will be salvaged by alternative cropping.

Nineteen agricultural machinery plants will be operated in South China, using UNRRA-supplied equipment in an effort to expand modern farming methods, he said.

The Ministry officials said it was still too early for an overall estimate of China's crop prospects.

### Pirates Active In Kwangtung

Canton, June 27.  
Pirates made off with a haul estimated at CN\$19,000 million when they attacked a tow-boat operating between Canton and the Tungkoon area, according to a message reaching here.

The pirated tow-boat carried cargo only.

Another big haul was made by pirates operating along the North River when they boarded a passenger and cargo-carrying vessel.

The fireman of the launch towing the boat is said to have been fatally wounded by gunfire.

In view of the frequent piracies along Canton's waterways, steps are being taken to establish a water police service, whose duties will be confined to the Pearl River delta, according to a Chinese report.—Reuter

### English Opera In Holland

Amsterdam, June 26.  
The English Opera group on a stirring tour throughout Holland last night gave a performance of John Gay's "Beggar's Opera" in a new musical version by Benjamin Britten.

The performance which took place in the Municipal Theatre at Amsterdam, under the auspices of the Dutch "Wagner Vereniging," was heartily welcomed by the audience which included many foreign and Dutch authorities and artists.

Benjamin Britten told the audience, "I am very glad to be back in Holland again where I feel at home. We all are very grateful for the way in which you have received us."

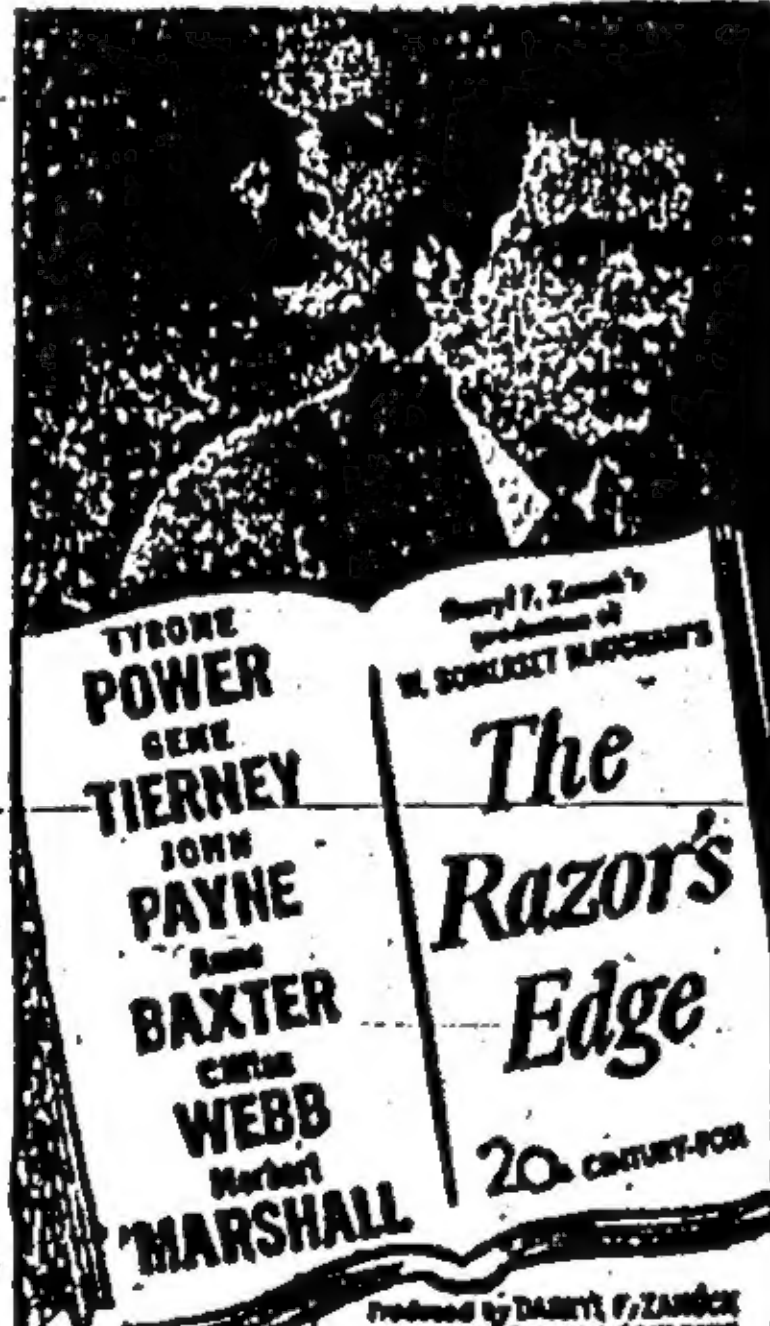
Other performances will be given in Utrecht and Rotterdam.—Associated Press.

### FIVE BROTHERS DROWNED

Portlaven, Cornwall, June 28.  
Five brothers, fishermen from this village in southwest England, were drowned today when their boat was sunk in a collision with a steamer.—Reuter.

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### Cinema Dispute Settled

Shanghai, June 28.  
Hollywood can breathe a bit easier—as far as Shanghai is concerned.

The stalemate between foreign film distributors and the Municipal Government over theatre admissions was broken by Mayor K.C. Wu who granted the request of the distributors and theatre owners for an increase in admissions.

The distributors had sent an ultimatum to the City Government that unless the theatres could charge more they would be forced to halt distribution of films on July 3.

Yesterday the Mayor, acting on his own initiative, granted an increase of the minimum charge from CN\$50,000 to CN\$100,000—an increase of 60-70 percent. The amount was not what the theatres and distributors asked but indications are that it will be accepted.—United Press.

### GENERAL GETS LIFE TERM

Belgrade, June 26.  
General George Stavescu and ten others, accused of having taken part in a massacre of more than 10,000 Jews at Jassy, Rumania, in 1941, were sentenced to penal servitude for life by a war crimes court today, Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency reported from Bucharest.—Reuter.

### BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay  
"The Authority on Bridge"

Adding up either East and West placed each with three diamonds. For West six cards, in clubs and four in spades, plus none in hearts would leave three diamonds. For East seven hearts, one spade and two clubs would leave three for diamonds. So South-based his playing plan on that premise.

Winning the club lead with the A, he scored the spade A and Q and diamond A, led to the spade K and scored the diamond K for a heart discard, then led the diamond 8, hoping both defenders would follow while he ruffed. They did. Then he led the spade 9 to the J, discarding the heart 8 from dummy. West had no good return left. He picked the club Q, which the K won. The heart 10 to the A and three established diamonds then brought him safely into port.

Tomorrow's Problem  
S. A. K. J.  
H. A. J. 9  
D. 10 5 4 2  
C. J. 4 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).  
South—West—North—East  
1 S Pass 2 D 2 H  
3 C Dbl 3 D Pass  
3 S Pass 5 S Pass  
6 S Dbl

After the club 5 was led and South surveyed the dummy, he noted that his task was no cinch. West was marked with at least four spades, to double with so little high card strength out. East probably would not have ventured that, vulnerable overcall with only six hearts and such a dearth of honours, so probably had seven, with West blank—And West must have had a half-a-dozen clubs to double the 3-Club bid along the way.

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PEACE IN  
PALESTINE?

What hopes are there that the truce agreed to between the Arabs and Jews, on the basis of the British resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council, will lead to a final settlement of the Palestine problem? If hopes of a settlement are based on the statements which continue to be issued by both sides there can be little optimism. Arab leaders still insist that there can be no peace in Palestine while the Jews continue to claim a Zionist state in a land where the majority of the population is Arab; the Zionists insist that there is already such a State and that it has come to stay. The hard facts of the situation may, however, force a compromise. Having fought a battle for Palestine both sides may come to feel that honour is vindicated and that their claims can be modified. Unless some progress is made in the discussions with the mediator, Count Bernadotte, on the island of Rhodes in the Mediterranean, it is useless for Britain, America or anyone else to put forward a new plan. Much of course is going on all the time behind the scenes. Britain is continuing to use her influence with the Arab Governments to come to a settlement and the United States is expected to exert similar influence on the Zionists.

The island of Rhodes is certainly a better place to discuss the future of Palestine than the resounding halls of the United Nations where every word is recorded and many speakers play to the gallery of world opinion. In Rhodes, Count Bernadotte has a herculean task before him. He has shown himself a wise, patient negotiator already, and if he can bring the two sides to a settlement he will earn the gratitude of the world and he will save the good name of the United Nations. He has to try to persuade Arabs and Jews to forget the complicated promises and arguments of the past and to face the future; some time these two peoples of Semitic race will have to settle down together as good neighbours in their small, rather desert country. He has to persuade them it is in the interests of both sides to stop the fighting.

The Arabs feel that they have justice on their side in claiming that the Arabs should rule in a land where they have the majority; on the principle of self-determination. Events, however, have worked against them. The Balfour Declaration of 1917 enabled Jews to begin entering Palestine in large numbers and to consolidate their position. They exploited their advantage to the full, helped by world Jewry, while the Arabs of Palestine failed to organise themselves politically to counterbalance the growing influence of the Zionists. Then came Hitler's terrible massacres of the Jews, which started a great migration from Central Europe and aroused the sympathy of world opinion, yet not to the point of encouraging countries with large undeveloped areas like the United States and the lands of South America to modify their immigrant law. All eyes were turned instead on Palestine. The Arab countries

of the Near East, very naturally, became extremely apprehensive at the prospect of all Jewish refugees of Europe taking ship for Palestine. That remains one of the biggest problems today. Any solution of the Palestine problem requires that the Jews of Europe should be able to find a home in other lands than Palestine, also that Zionists should give the undertaking that they are prepared to limit their immigration into Palestine. As the result of over-optimistic official communications the Arab masses have been led to believe that the Arab Government were near to victory when the truce was accepted. That was not the case. Responsible Arab leaders, however, must know that they cannot hope to push the Zionists out of Palestine altogether and that they must accept the Zionist State has come to stay. The United Nations will not sit back and watch six Arab States try to push the Jews into the sea. So far it is not true to say, though it is said repeatedly in the U.S.A., that the Arab Governments have been the aggressors. The Zionists have overstepped the boundaries outlined in the United Nations partition plan to a greater extent than have the Arabs. The Palestine battle cannot be fought out as an isolated incident for too many nations are interested in this area because of its strategic importance and because it is potentially the world's greatest oil-producing area.

The Advantages Of  
Social Insurance

Britain claims to have been a pioneer in social betterment and during the last 40 years United Kingdom governments of all political parties have enacted a steady stream of social legislation to better the lot of the ordinary citizen and achieve some measure of social security within the nation. Now, after World War II, another forward move is in progress. The first step was the payment of family allowances. Since August, 1946, the State has paid to the mother of a family the sum of 5 shillings a week for each one of her children under 10, except only the first born. At

persons insured under this national insurance for all citizens. That, of course, is true enough, but the State collects income taxes according to individual capacity to pay, and not at a flat rate like the weekly insurance premiums. This means that bigger incomes bear more of the subsidy than lower incomes; to that extent, and in other ways, the new social security plan will have an equalitarian effect in Britain. All classes are to share in the scheme, not only those employed for wages and salaries. It will be the guarantee of pensions for the old and for widows, pensions that will make weekly contribu-

means of support can apply to the National Assistance Board. This scheme is the final stage of transferring from the local authorities to the Government the responsibility for paying cash according to their needs to persons not entitled to national insurance benefits or whose needs are not fully met by those benefits. One of the advantages of this centralisation is that the standard on which assistance is based is a uniform one instead of varying according to where the person comes from. But perhaps the greatest of all Britain's new ventures in the social field is the setting up of a

## By SIR RONALD DAVISON

the other end of family life, the rate of old age pensions was in 1946 more than doubled for retired people. But this latter reform was really only an advance instalment of the Government's new scheme of all-in national insurance, a major undertaking which will begin on July 5. When it is in operation it will assuredly be the most complete and ambitious scheme of compulsory contributory social insurance yet attempted in any country. It will affect the whole population of 40 millions and will provide cash benefits during sickness, unemployment, old age, widowhood, and other contingencies. It will include a funeral grant. Married women, particularly during maternity, are to be well looked after. Those who normally work, even though they pay no contributions, will receive a weekly allowance of 35s. for 13 weeks, and other women on attendance allowance of 20s. for four weeks. All will receive a maternity grant of £4 for each child.

The normal benefits and pensions are fixed on a flat rate of 28s. a week for a man or woman, with 16s. allowance for an adult dependent and 7s. 6d. for the first child. That adds up to 49s. 6d. a week for a man, wife and first child, together with the ordinary family allowances of 5s. a week for children who come later.

All this is going to be costly, and the insured person's weekly contributions will not be small. They will in fact be 8s. 1d. for a man (of which 4s. 8d. is paid by the man himself) or nearly double the weekly premiums now paid by employed contributors and their employers to the two lesser and more modest social insurance schemes for health and unemployment which have been working in Britain since 1912.

But in addition to the contributions of the insured and their employers there will also be a considerable State subsidy to the new insurances. This will add considerably to the financial attractiveness of the scheme to the average citizen in Britain.

It may be objected that the subsidy will be paid by the taxpayers, who are the same as the contributors of the Near East, very naturally, became extremely apprehensive at the prospect of all Jewish refugees of Europe taking ship for Palestine. That remains one of the biggest problems today. Any solution of the Palestine problem requires that the Jews of Europe should be able to find a home in other lands than Palestine, also that Zionists should give the undertaking that they are prepared to limit their immigration into Palestine. As the result of over-optimistic official communications the Arab masses have been led to believe that the Arab Government were near to victory when the truce was accepted. That was not the case. Responsible Arab leaders, however, must know that they cannot hope to push the Zionists out of Palestine altogether and that they must accept the Zionist State has come to stay. The United Nations will not sit back and watch six Arab States try to push the Jews into the sea. So far it is not true to say, though it is said repeatedly in the U.S.A., that the Arab Governments have been the aggressors. The Zionists have overstepped the boundaries outlined in the United Nations partition plan to a greater extent than have the Arabs. The Palestine battle cannot be fought out as an isolated incident for too many nations are interested in this area because of its strategic importance and because it is potentially the world's greatest oil-producing area.

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particulars particularly worth while for those who are self-employed, and also for the small number of non-earners. The only non-contributors, subject to minor exceptions, will be most married women and all children under 16 years. That leaves 26 million persons between the ages of 16 and 65 to pay weekly contributions. The balance in favour of the average contributor to this scheme will in fact be quite remarkable. For it is estimated that, in future, the married man who draws his pension of 42s. a week for himself and his wife for as much as 10 years (say from 65 to 75) will receive eight times what he paid. That does not include any benefits, such as sick benefits, which he may draw during his working life. No commercial insurance company in the world could offer such terms.

National Assistance Behind the Insurance Act stands the new scheme of national assistance under which any person aged 16 or over living in Britain (whether or not of British nationality) who is without sufficient

"DOOMED" TANKER  
REPORTED SAFE

New York, June 26.

Tankers Company Inc., agent for the Norwegian tanker Fenris, said that additional information received today revealed that the civilian crew from the Navy tanker, Mission San Juan, boarded the burning and abandoned Fenris, put out the fire and now has the vessel in tow bound for the Azores.

A message from the Mission San Juan's captain said he sighted the burning tanker at 10 a.m. and placed a salvage crew aboard. He said that the crew of the Fenris is now aboard his ship.

The men were originally picked up by an American tanker, Benta Fort, and later transferred to the Greek collier, Costis Los. They were apparently transferred again to the Mission San Juan.

The 42 men and skipper, Captain H. Mathies, left the Benta Fort several hours after an explosion at 4 a.m. on Thursday which turned the engine room into an inferno.

According to a report from Benta Fort, the crewmen were released after 10 hours in their lifeboats.

A spokesman for the Tankers Company Inc., said it is possible that the crew members of the Mission San Juan might have a claim to the salvage of the Fenris. The Fenris was carrying cargo of crude oil, loaded at Venezuela on June 11. United Press.

Tass View  
Of Dewey's  
Nomination

Moscow, June 28. Tass reported that Governor Thomas Dewey's presidential nomination was bought with promises of high political posts, profits and protection. Tass, in a Philadelphia despatch, said that Governor Dewey was named after behind-the-scenes transactions, which were confirmed by the American Press.

It said that Governor Earl Warren was nominated on a demand of big capitalist circles since he had consistently supported the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine.

Tass described Governor Dewey as an enemy of the New Deal and of progressive social legislation. United Press.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

IDEAL TOWNS FOR  
THE PEOPLE

Since Britain was one of the first countries in the world to become industrialised, there are many lessons that other countries can learn from her history. One of these relates to the question of population movement from country to town. During the last 100 years Britain's population has almost trebled (population increase is another characteristic of an expanding economic system). But owing to the drift from the villages practically the whole of this rise was confined to the urban areas, especially to the great industrial cities and London. Today eight million people—nearly one-fifth of the inhabitants of England and Wales—live in London. About 10 million people live in the villages; the rest are mainly concentrated in cities and smaller industrial towns.

Haphazard Growth It was, perhaps, inevitable that under stimulus of commercial and industrial expansion the growth of existing towns was entirely haphazard, giving them an untidy sprawling appearance which not only makes unsightly intrusions into the surrounding countryside but also makes for a distorted pattern of life. Many of these towns, though, have been planned on a compact central area into which are crowded much too high a proportion of the town's factories, public buildings, shops, cinemas and offices, and around this central

block of flats. These will be intelligently grouped amid pleasant surroundings, will be interspersed with parks and playing fields and will be studded with shopping centres so as to make shopping as convenient as possible for the housewife. Likewise, at convenient intervals there will be built schools, clubs, cinemas, restaurants, swimming pools, libraries and other institutions necessary for communal life. It is important to note that it is within the suburbs belt that certain areas will be allocated for industrial development, so that workers will not have long distances to travel to and from their place of employment. It is one of the banes of modern industrial life that where there is no planning of this kind, either workers have to live amid the squalid surroundings of a factory district or, in many cases, they have to spend a considerable proportion of their leisure time travelling to and from work. In these new towns, factory areas will be kept free of residential buildings. As for the area bounded on its periphery by the innermost of the three ring roads, here will be the hub of the town's life. Buildings like the Town Hall, the main post office, the main fire station, the central police station will be suitably and conveniently grouped in a manner worthy of their civic dignity. Here, too, will be found the big departmental stores, the main offices of firms operating in

the area and the banks. Among the amenities catering for the population dwelling in the suburbs, there will be a number of cinemas, at least one big concert hall, and, of course, restaurants, clubs, technical colleges and the like. For obvious reasons, also, the town's main railway station will be located in this central district.

Completed Work One's natural reaction on learning of these things is to say, "That's all very well as a plan; but when are they going to be built?" In the answer, one is comforted by the knowledge that the detailed planning work on four such towns in the neighbourhood of London, and two in the more distant provinces has been completed, and that surveys already begun work at a number of them. On the other hand, it has always been clearly understood that as Britain's export industries have prior claim on the country's limited supplies of labour and materials these plans would take a good many years to complete. Even the original 10-year estimate for the construction of these ideal towns! Of Greater London will now have to be reviewed, in the light of the Government's decision to cut down temporarily capital expenditure. Yet the very fact that the problem of overpopulation in Britain is receiving the energetic attention of a whole Government department is a matter of great satisfaction. Moreover, there is every reason to believe that as soon as Britain's present economic difficulties are in sight of solution, the tempo of implementing these plans will be considerably accelerated.

RESTRICTIONS ON  
FOREIGNERS

Shanghai, June 27. A new restriction against the movement of foreigners out of the city was announced here today.

In an order issued by the Police Commissioner, Mr. Schober Yu, "all aliens desiring to travel outside of the Shanghai Municipal area or to remove for residence at another city shall register prior to their departure at this police headquarters and their residence certificates shall be stamped in evidence of the above registration."

The order added that those who travel without having duly registered their departure will subject themselves to punishment prescribed by the police penalty code. At the same time, it stated that all aliens arriving in the Municipal area shall register their arrival with the police station of the district of their residence within 10 days and in the case of Stateless persons three days. Since the abrogation of inland visas more than a year ago, foreigners have been free to leave the city for other parts of China without any requirement other than carrying their passports and residence certificates. Reuter.

DEMOCRAT PAPER  
GOES

Franklin, June 26. The 50-year-old Social Democrat Party newspaper, "Fravre Litu," will cease publication on July 1. Readers were told that after that date the "Communist newspaper, "Rude Fravre," would be automatically delivered to them.

The two papers were merged after last February's crisis in Cominform. Reuter.

Penicillin  
In A New  
Guise

Chicago, June 26. A new form of penicillin, a dry dust so fine that it can be breathed without choking, was shown to the American Medical Association today. Doctors said this dust is breathed both to prevent respiratory infections and to treat them. Common colds were not mentioned among the diseases benefited. Pneumonia has been treated with good results. The dust has relieved the bronchial form of asthma. It has been good also for inflammation of the larynx or voice box, and the breathing tubes. The dust is sometimes used as the only treatment when infections are mild, but when they are bad, penicillin also is injected into the blood. Associated Press.

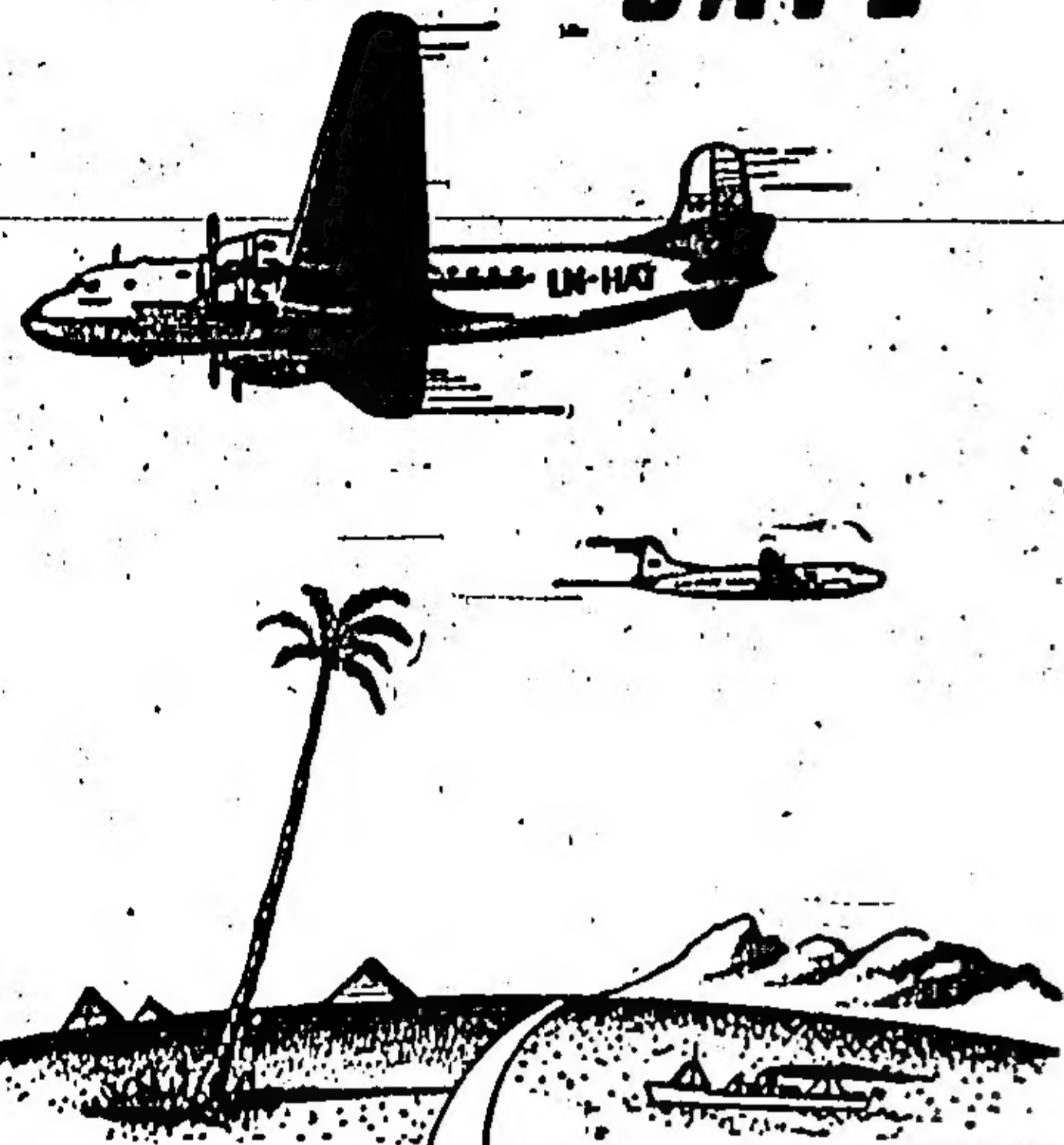
## FILM QUOTA

Washington, June 26. A Motion Picture Association official said today that the State Department has instructed Ambassador Lewis Douglas to express his concern to the British Government in regard to the latest quota decision and ask for full details. United Press.

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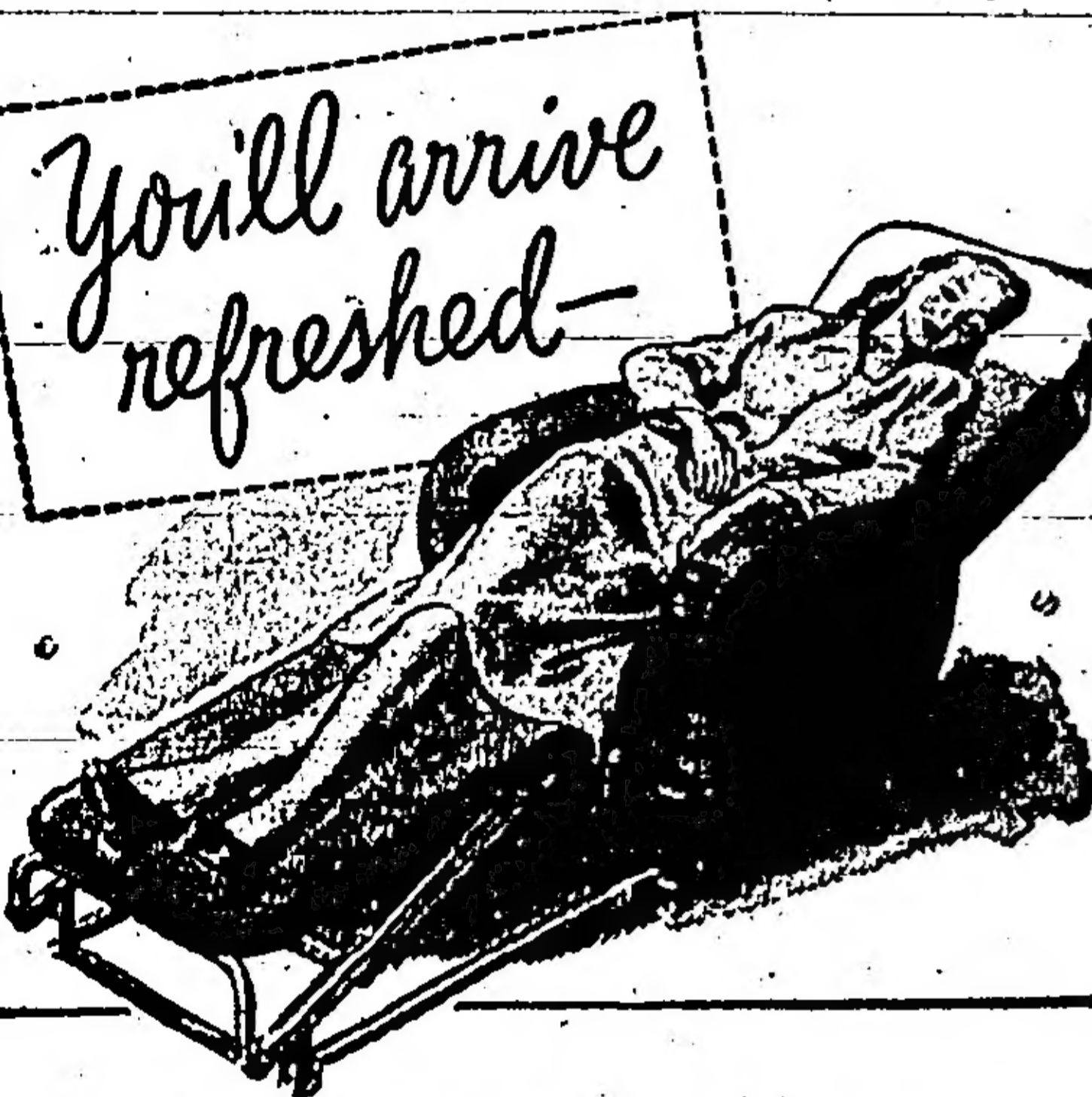
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# PLANES TO BEAT BLOCKADE

## Americans To Fly Supplies To Berlin FIRST ACTION TO COUNTER SIEGE

Berlin, June 26.  
Every available United States transport plane will be thrown immediately into service to fly supplies to blockaded west Berlin, a high United States military government official announced today.

This was the first action taken by the Western Allies to counter the Russian "siege" of the city's three Western Zones, which began on Thursday.

This huge transport plane fleet will carry foodstuffs and emergency supplies for the Germans as well as supplies for the western occupation forces, the official stated.

No figure could be obtained of the number of planes available, but the fact that the British Gatow airfield is being used indicated that it was well over a 100.

The officials stressed that it would be quite impossible to fly in full rations of food and coal for the civilians, as such an operation would require at least a 1,000 heavy planes daily.

To maintain electricity supplies in the western sectors also cut off by the Russians coal will shortly be allocated to the electric plants from the American army stocks in the city, it was stated.

### British Request

Earlier today, the British Military Governor, Sir Brian Robertson, has asked the Soviet to reopen the traffic lines to Berlin's three western sectors.

Up to this evening, there was no hint of a Russian reply to General Robertson, but it was thought that they might order a limited relaxation of the ban on passenger traffic when their money conversion ends on Monday night.

This would enable thousands of Berliners, stranded in the western zones, to return home.

The 2,000,000 western sector Berliners pulled in their belts a little tighter as the battle of the mark entered the week-end.

The British and American authorities have banned parties and receptions by the occupying forces which would use up food urgently needed by the Germans.

### Soviet To Blame

It was expected that the new Soviet currency, already nicknamed the "rouble mark," would be pulled out of circulation at noon because of large-scale forging of the stamps which distinguish it from the old Reichsmark.

In his letter to Marshal Sokolovsky, Soviet Commander in Germany, General Robertson said that the responsibility for "undue and avoidable suffering" in Berlin lies with the Russians if traffic channels were not reopened.

In a separate letter, General Clay, American Military Governor, said that he was still prepared to meet Marshal Sokolovsky to discuss the continuing trade relations between the Soviet and American zones, cut since the currency reform a week ago.

### Strike Called

Union meetings today demanded that workers in the whole of Berlin should be called out on strike, ostensibly in protest against the introduction of the western currency.

### Elephants In A Glass

Paris, June 26.  
Harry's New York Bar was the first on the market today with a "Dewey Cocktail."

And McElhiney, son of the proprietor, invented the drink which is two-thirds rye whiskey and one-third Italian vermouth with two dashes of curacao.

"It makes you see Republican elephants," Harry guaranteed.—United Press.

## ALLIES JITTERY, SAY REDS

London, June 26.  
There was nervous tension among Allied personnel in Berlin, the Soviet-controlled Berlin Radio said tonight, adding that between 100 and 160 Allied officials were leaving Berlin daily.

There was a three-weeks' waiting list for plane bookings, it added. The Americans were evacuating their quarters in the suburb of Zehlendorf and 140 aircraft were leaving Tempelhof Airport daily, carrying away furniture from villas occupied by the Americans.

The Radio declared it was the official British opinion that the Western Allies could not stay on in Berlin if the present Soviet measures continued.—Reuter.

### RED LEADER'S VIEW

Berlin, June 26.  
Wilhelm Pieck, Germany's Communist boss, declared today that the "Berlin crisis can only be settled when the Western Allies leave Berlin. The tension here is still increasing and nobody can say whether the crisis can and will be solved by peaceful means."

The white-haired 72-year-old chairman of the Socialist Unity or Communist Party claimed that the Russians fed Berlin after its capitulation in 1945 and would do it again once the Western Powers clear out.—United Press.

## MR. BEVIN ANGRY

London, June 26.  
Britain angrily denounced Russia's food and fuel blockade of Berlin as a "ruthless" attempt to siege and sought a Western Power plan for combatting it.

For the second time within 24 hours, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and United States Ambassador Lewis Douglas met to discuss the Soviet action.

Throughout the day the telephone lines between Berlin, London, Paris and Washington were busy as the Western Powers sought a concerted plan for a peaceful solution.

Bevin was given a report from the Tagliche Rundschau, Soviet-controlled newspaper in Berlin, quoting London circles as saying Britain plans to get out of the German capital and is now considering a method.

He called in Sir William Strang, Permanent Foreign Office Under-Secretary in charge of German affairs.

### Strong Language

Together they piled together a terse denial—but one wrapped in some of the strongest official language used thus far by the Foreign Office in dealing with Russia versus the West disputes.

It was read to a news conference by a spokesman who emphasized that it represented Bevin's official views.

The spokesman said it was drafted independently of the other Western countries.

Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas met Bevin and Strang. They talked for more than an hour. What agreements they reached if any remained a secret.

All the American Embassy would say was that "the fullest exchange of views took place."

In the official statement Bevin formally reaffirmed Britain's intention to sit tight in the German capital. U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall on previous occasions has taken the same position.—Associated Press.

## CAPITULATION BY EMPLOYERS

Washington, June 26.  
John L. Lewis' new coal miners contract today appeared to signal the final collapse of industry's hold-the-line campaign against a "third round" of post-war wage increases.

## Western Allies Talks

London, June 27.  
The United States, Britain and France are consulting today on the first joint action to counter the Soviet attempt to remove them from Berlin.

Talks are under way in Berlin, London and Washington. The American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, saw the British Under-Secretary, Sir William Strang yesterday and may see him again today.

Sir William saw the French Ambassador, M. Rene Manigault.

Most of the British press predicted the Governments will take a resolute line with the Soviets. The Yorkshire Post's diplomatic correspondent said the Government is considering the suggestion to try and break on their terms rather than risk an upheaval.—United Press.

### DISOBEYED, GOT SACK

Berlin, June 26.  
The German Director of the Berlin Municipal Power and Light Company, Herr Rudolph Wiesel, was dismissed today by order of the Soviet authorities.

The Soviet-controlled German news agency, A.M.E., said: "Herr Wiesel had been dismissed for disobedience of the Soviet orders to cut off power to the Berlin Western sectors.—Reuter."

## Lord Louis Envoy To Russia?

London, June 26.  
Persistent reports that Rear Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten may be named British Ambassador to Russia were revived today by the disclosure that Sir Maurice Petersen, present envoy in Moscow, is returning home soon.

British Foreign Office officials and other Whitehall sources have discounted strongly but not ruled out altogether the possibility that the British Soviet diplomatic post will be pressed upon Lord Mountbatten, former Governor-General of India, who returned to London only this week.

Skeptical thus far has been based upon Lord Mountbatten's avowed determination to get back into active Naval service as soon as possible to avoid loss of seniority, which might handicap his chance of becoming First Sea Lord, a post held by his father prior to World War I.

The Foreign Office, meanwhile, reported that Sir Maurice is due for leave from Moscow and said definitely he was not being recalled for consultations as a result of East-West tension in Germany. A spokesman said Sir Maurice Petersen's health has not been of the best.—Associated Press.

## NEW IRAQI CABINET

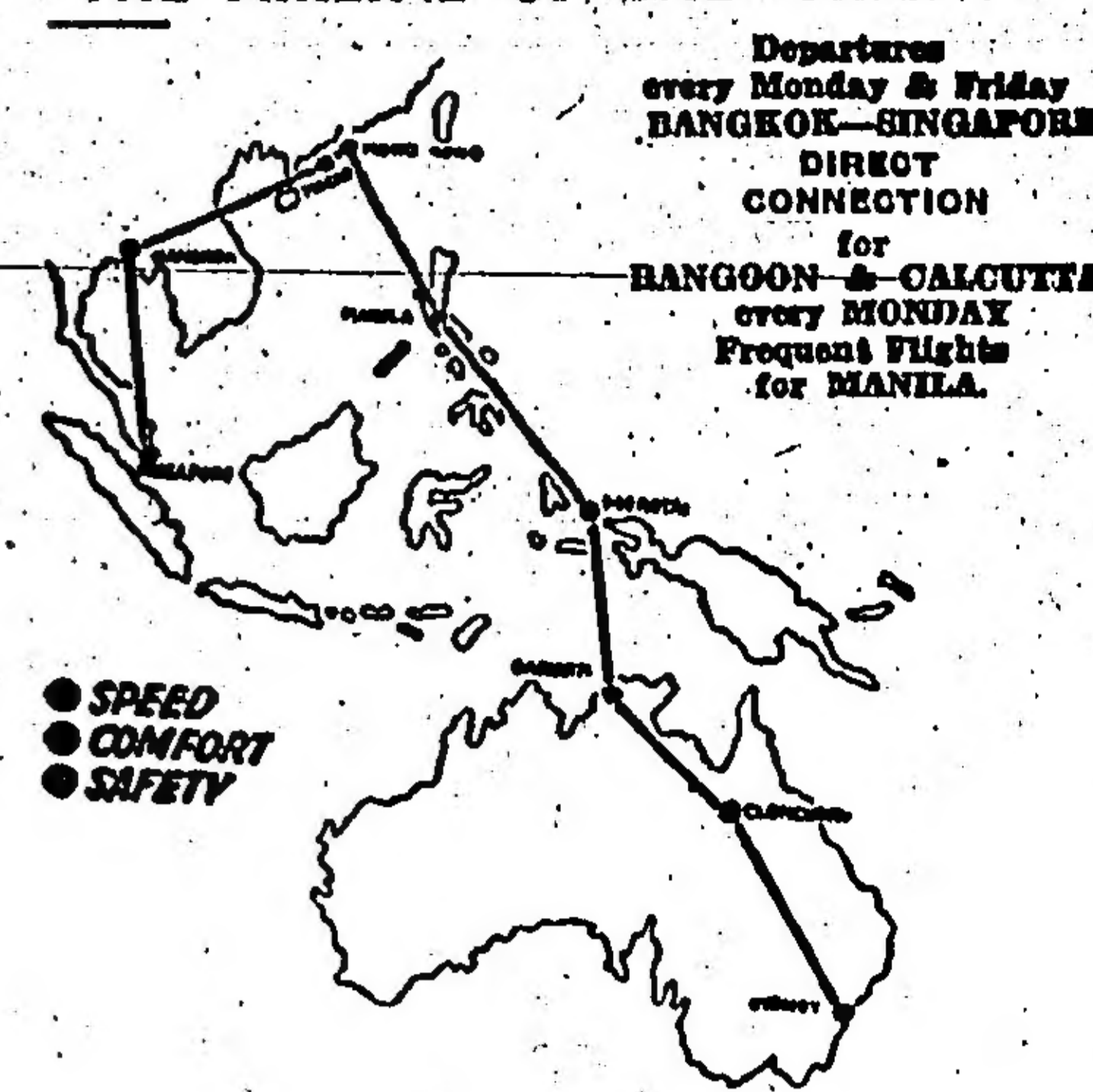
Baghdad, June 26.  
Muzahim El Pachachi, diplomat with a long career in foreign capitals, today formed a new Cabinet replacing that of Premier Sadr.

Pachachi took the portfolio of Foreign Affairs along with the Premiership. Other members included four members of the outgoing Cabinet—Interior, Musafa Elumari; Defence, El Baslam; Communications, Works and Social Affairs, Jadal Badani; and Education, Najib Elarawi.

The others brought in were Ali Muntaz, Finance; Mohammed Hassan, Kubbah, Justice; and Mirza Hilah, Economics.—United Press.

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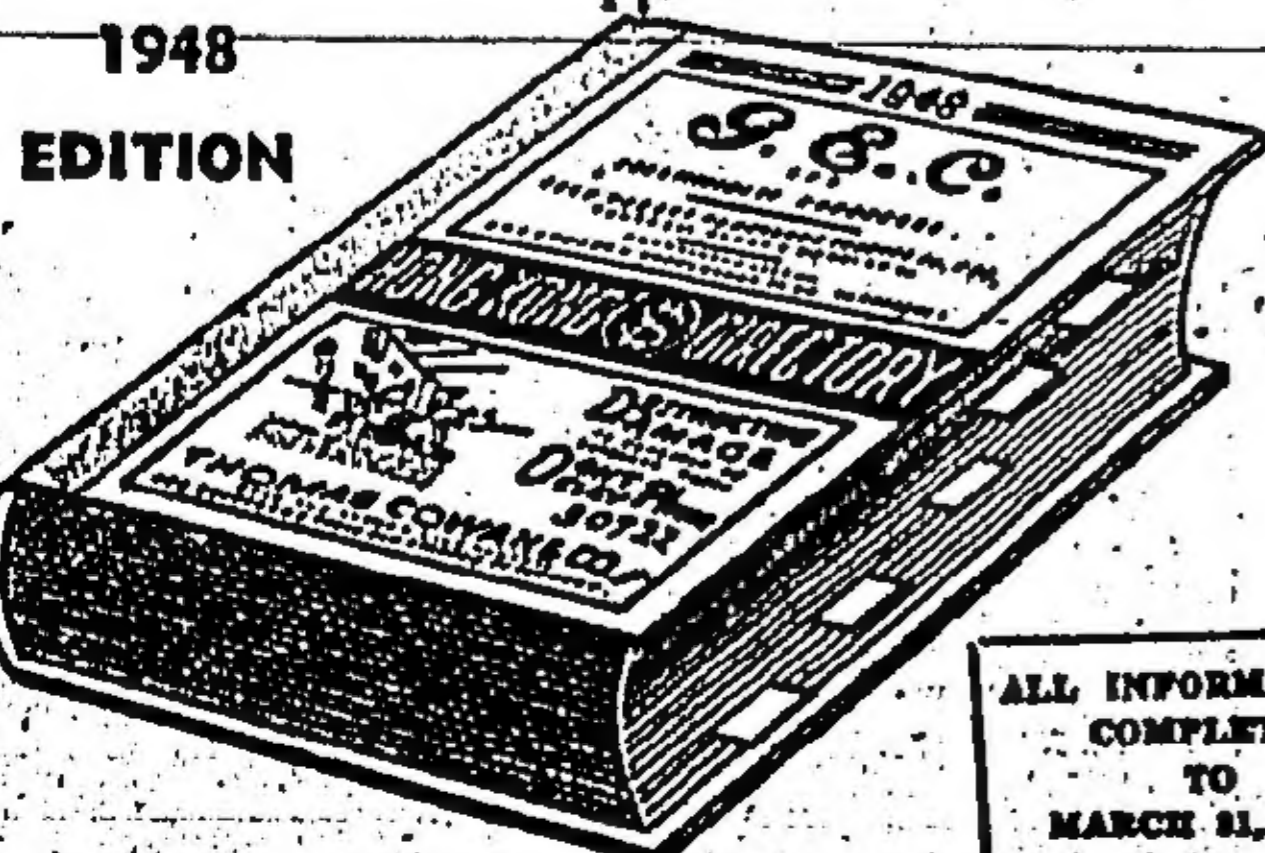
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MOST FAMOUS MONASTERYST. BERNARD MONKS TO LEAVE  
THEIR ALPINE HOSPICE

News that the famous St. Bernard hospice, which sentinel-like has stood for centuries at the summit of the great alpine pass between Italy and Switzerland, is to be abandoned, except for a "skeleton" staff of priests and novices, has caused universal regret.

Down the ages Popes, Emperors, and nobles showered wealth on the monastery. Lavish endowments were made by high dignitaries of the Church.

But since the World War I, sent the thrones of Europe toppling to the ground, many of the rich Roman Catholic communities, especially in Germany and Austria, have lost their wealth, and the hospice no longer possesses sufficient funds to carry on its historic mission.

20,000 Guests

For generations travellers arriving at the hospice were given free board and lodgings, except in cases of people of known wealth.

In recent years, however, the privilege was so abused that it was found necessary to impose a modest charge. In one short season alone 20,000 tourists were afforded hospitality by the monks. Since the Middle Ages, Christianity in its noblest form has been practised by successive communities of Augustinian monks. Imprisoned for practically nine months of every year amid the snowy wastes on the "roof of Europe."

## Dedicated Lives

The climate is so rigorous that only the most hardy can support it for more than a few years, and before being admitted to the Order, candidates have to serve a probation period to test whether they are equal to the physical and moral strain.

The chosen ones devote their lives to the humane task of succouring humanity, 8,000 ft. above the world, in temperatures often varying from 25 to 30 degrees centigrade below zero.

Frequently the monks are held prisoners in the hospice for weeks on end by snowdrifts 30 ft. deep, and when calls for help arrive they don their skis and leave the building by the top-floor windows, often at the risk of their lives.

So sudden and terrible are the blizzards whirling across this desolate pass that even the most experienced monks are unable to find their way back once out of sight of the hospice's gaunt walls.

Many a rescuer owes his life to a stout rope fixed to poles running down to the Italian frontier, which enabled them to regain the hospice when every landmark was hidden by the storm.

The original hospice was founded in A.D. 980 by St. Bernard of Menthon, an Augustinian monk of the ancient Order whose perseverance and courage triumphed over all the dangers and difficulties which had forced less doughty predecessors to abandon the task.

## Saracen Raids

Mont Joux, as it was known in those days, had a sinister reputation in Europe for centuries. The Saracens had controlled the approaches to the pass, pillaging caravans and murdering lonely pilgrims and travellers, and terrorising dwellers on both sides of the Alps.

With his devoted little band of followers, St. Bernard cleared the region of these marauders, gave help and succour to fugitives and proscribers seeking safety in foreign lands, and so laid the foundation for the noble work which has since aroused the admiration of the world.

The St. Bernard pass was, a much frequented "highway" for all parts of Europe long before the days of the Roman Empire. That the Romans used it as far back as 100 B.C. is proved by

the votive tablet to Jupiter Foeninus discovered near the summit and still preserved in the hospice museum.

There is also a Roman "milestone," marking in those remote days the 30th kilometre which separates the hospice from Martigny, on the Swiss side of the pass.

Winter generally begins at the St. Bernard about the first week in October, and the pass is rarely open to traffic again before the following June. Snow falls silently, relentlessly, sometimes for weeks without pause, until the region resembles a vast white sepulchre.

The wind howls around the hospice, driving the snow before it in suffocating billows. Often only the tops of the tall telephone poles emerge from the trackless waste.

Almost every summer the sun uncovers the remains of some luckless traveller who has perished in his unequal fight against the elements.

In recent years most of these unfortunates were Italian political refugees, fleeing their native land for the freedom across the Alps.

Ignorant of the dangers, the merciless cold had sapped their

vitality when it was too late for them to turn back, and they sank exhausted in the impassable drifts with a stifled shriek as covering, until months later the brave monks came to give them a Christian sepulchre.

It was to help them in this humane mission that the monks reared and trained the famous race of St. Bernard dogs. After every storm they would explore the snowy wastes, and hundreds of lives have been saved by their timely aid.

## Expert Skiers

Nearly all the priests are expert skiers. Each "brother" has his special function. The "clavandier" receives guests, the "hospitaller" serves meals, the "cellerier" is responsible for catering, the "infirmier" looks after the sick and injured, while the "sacristan" has charge of the religious duties.

Head of the community is the revered "Pere Maitre" (Father Superior).

Mass in the hospice chapel is an impressive spectacle. The scent of incense pervades the ancient crypt, while outside everything is a howling wilderness.

All the pomp and mystery of the Roman Catholic Church is seen in a devout atmosphere of religious peace. Though all the winds of heaven rage around the walls, the contented monks "roll the psalm in wintry skies," undaunted.

History is undecided whether Hannibal crossed the Alps with his "elephantine" army by way of the St. Bernard or the Mont Cenis, but in his Commentaries Julius Caesar records having sent an expeditionary force, under the command of one Galba, to assure the safe passage of the St. Bernard to Roman travellers.

After the Romans had opened up highways throughout Europe, the St. Bernard, during its brief summer, became almost a thoroughfare, with posts established at regular intervals along the route.

The first practical attempt to prove the theory that Hannibal's elephants crossed the St. Bernard

was made some years before the last war by an American publicist. He hired an elephant from a Paris zoo, and early one morning set out from Martigny, on the Swiss side of the pass, to make his experiment.

Charabanc Fright  
At an ambling halt the animal covered the first few kilometres completely unperturbed by its novel surroundings. Disaster threatened, however, when it met a charabanc coming down the pass. Alarmed by the unusual sight, it took to its heels, and nearly ended its career at the foot of a precipice.

A small motor-lorry was procured, to hide down-coming traffic, and, its view thus shielded, the animal made steady progress, tethered to the back of the lorry.

Serious trouble began soon after the oddly assorted caravan had passed the little village of Bourg St. Pierre, where Napoleon halted with his army of 35,000 men on his historic passage of the Alps in May 1800.

Local peasants still recount the story of the First Consul's generous reward to a Swiss who saved his life when his horse took fright on the brink of a precipice, an event which might have changed the entire course of European history.

When the elephant reached the "dead" zone near the summit, where many motorists have tumbled with their engines, the dropped on her knees, making signs of distress.

Forced-March  
This was repeated every hundred yards until the summit was reached. If the elephant had been forced while passing through the "mystery" zone she would not have survived.

According to experts, "dead" zones of rarefied air exist in different parts of the Alps. Which may explain why Hannibal lost so many of his elephants when crossing the pass.

When the American reached the Italian plains, the elephant was so exhausted that the projected "march on Rome" had to be abandoned.

Their historic mission in Europe having come to an end, the monks of St. Bernard are now migrating to Tibet, where in the desolate frontier region they will continue the sacred traditions of St. Bernard of Menthon.

Squadron 82 Is  
On The Beam

"You're on the beam. . . ."  
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And if the men of 82 Squadron are to hit their photographic targets they must be "on the beam"—the beam which comes from special radar beams set up in the far East.

So far 82 Squadron have done some accurate shooting and their pictures have been of enormous help to the Colonial Survey Department. Up to February the squadron had covered 255,000 square miles and 50,000 exposures and photographs.

## War-Invention

All these photographs are taken by the system of radar control, called G.H. It was developed during the war for bombing through cloud and has been specially adapted to aerial photography.

82 Squadron were on the air for an hour recently, and millions of B.B.C. listeners flew with the squadron on an actual photographic survey in one of the liveliest of recent B.B.C. programmes.

The programme "You're on the Beam" was written and produced by Leonard Gottrell, who, with B.B.C. engineer Dick Lane, spent a month with 82 Squadron flying with them on photographic sorties and making recordings.

I spent some time with 82 on a recent trip to East Africa. Operating from Eastleigh, a port, Nairobi, they were covering great stretches of territory in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika, and were scheduled to move over to the West Coast later in the year.

Practically all the squadron—like their planes—were war veterans. The commanding officer, Commander "Dickie" Williams, a Sussex man, flew Spitfires with the Desert Air Force; others were with Bomber or Coastal Command. Most of the sorties varied from five to ten hours, and up to the end of February 1,800 aircraft hours were flown.

Experts of the Colonial Survey Department in London already have a magnificent aerial picture gallery of the most isolated areas of East and Central Africa. It has led to extensions or modifications of the many projected development schemes.

## Missionary Spirit

In a recent speech Sir Stafford Cripps said: "The whole future of the sterling group, and its ability to survive, depends on a quick and extensive development of our African resources."

Says Brigadier Holme, Director of Colonial Surveys: "This is a new venture born of post-war reconstruction, and it is imbued with something of the missionary spirit—not only among the air crews but also among the less spectacular types—the lone surveyors in the bush and the draughtsmen and headquarters staff in this country."

## Ground Crews

Wing Commander Abrahams in the broadcast paid his tribute to the men on the ground who are playing their part in making the operation successful. Aerial photographs alone aren't enough to make accurate maps. Ground information is supplied by surveyors of the Colonial Survey Department, who are working with the R.A.F. This can be one of the toughest jobs in the world.

Surveyors have to trek to the wildest parts of the bush with tents, equipment, and instruments carried on the heads of porters. In some of the more remote areas, food or water is obtainable only at long intervals, and supplies have to be taken or dumped at previously selected places.

## 'It's A Great Life'

In two months on this scheme one surveyor was freed by a bullet and charged by a lion. He thought it was "a great life." So, too, do the men of 82 Squadron. Without "shooting" any line, they'd sooner hear "Cameras on," or "Bomb doors open," than "You think" one of them said.

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BATTLE

Manila, June 27.  
Luis Taruc, Hukbalahap Commander-in-Chief, was sworn in today in the Lower House as the representative of the Pampanga second district, two hours after the Philippine Congress had finally concurred in President Quirino's amnesty proclamation, thus paving the way for the restoration of peace and order in Central Luzon.

Following the oath-taking ceremony, Taruc, in his maiden speech, said he would press for reforms, adding: "I do not come to surrender, but to cooperate with the Administration for the welfare of the people."

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"The problem of the peasants is a national problem and it must be solved through cooperation and not by gunfire. Give them lands. Give them farm assistance. Give the underpaid labourer a just living wage. Make over native industries flourish. They are the solid foundation of the national peace."

With the Huk question solved, President Quirino said the country can now proceed to take stock of the problems confronting it, adding: "We have set an example to the world, that through goodwill, statesmanship and love of country we can solve our internal difficulties."—Reuter.

TROOPS LEAVE  
PALESTINE

Haifa, June 27.  
The British Military Occupation of Palestine ended its end today when the 17,000-ton troopship, Orduna, and the 10,000-ton Empire, Test, arrived to take off the last contingents of troops. The troops are being withdrawn from many remaining guard posts. In addition to the troops, two tank landingcraft arrived to take the last vehicles. General MacMillan has set up his floating headquarters on a ship.

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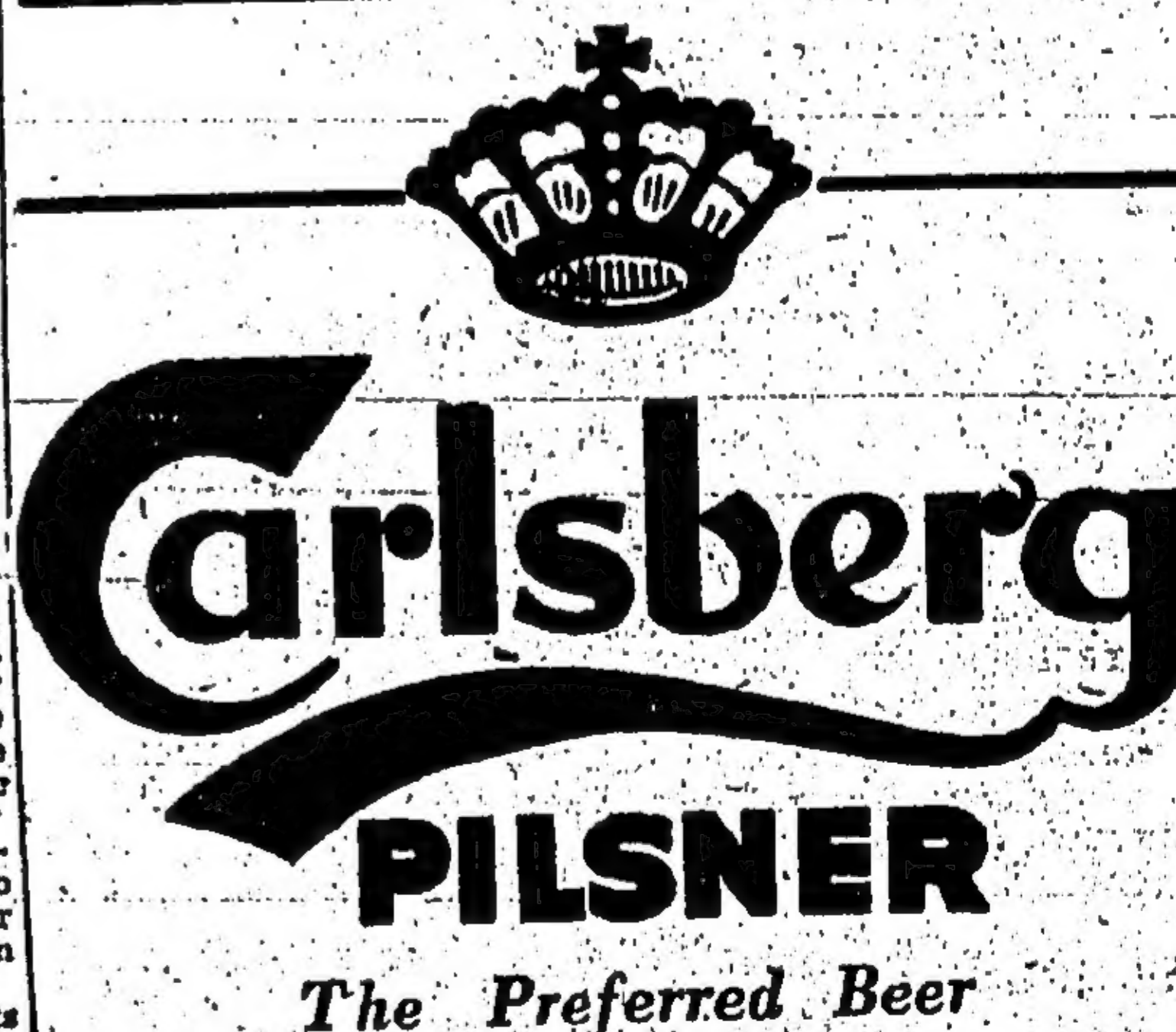
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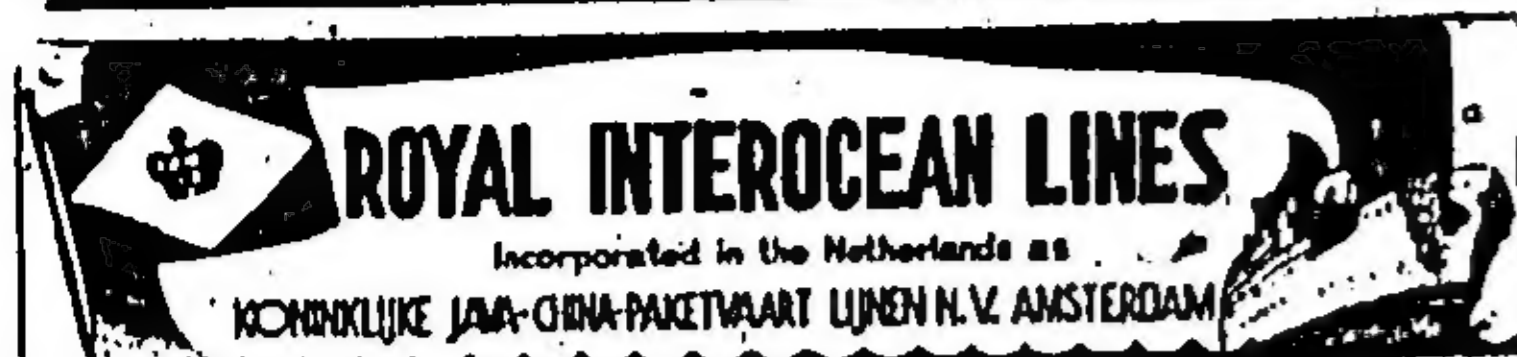


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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CONSTERNATION OVER BURMA  
Nationalising Raw Material Sources

## Country To Leave Sterling Area?

London, June 26.

The recent speech by Burma's Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, has caused something like consternation in London economic circles. The Prime Minister has been reported by some sources as saying that he wished Burma's "financial centre" to return from London to Rangoon, and it is widely felt here that virtually all of the country's raw material sources, such as mines, oil-fields and forests, will be nationalised.

The first point, some financial circles think, can only mean that Burma intends to leave the sterling area and, because of this, some trepidation has been expressed about the future of Burma's future rice exports which, up to now, have been paid for in sterling. On the second point, some of the most responsible companies at present owning mining, forest and other leases in Burma fear that nationalisation will mean that the Burmese authorities will in future run these basic industries themselves without the help of experienced British technicians.

It is considered here, however, that there is entirely insufficient technical knowledge amongst the Burmese to permit of this, and that if the British personnel is withdrawn before they have had time to train their successors, the world may well lose for a considerable number of years, at any rate, Burma's substantial output of wolfram, as well as the tin, lead and silver formerly produced there.

## Compensation

Several sources have pointed out that, if this policy is carried

through, it will contrast — to the probable disadvantage of Burma — with the policy extensively in force in India, where British companies are for the most part being guaranteed a further ten years of life so that they can train Indian technicians to carry on with the job after the British leave.

On the question of compensation, British firms with interests in Burma are not very hopeful of ever being paid the full value of their losses. This is not because they are in any doubt about Thakin Nu's statement that equitable compensation for nationalised foreign property will be paid but simply because they believe Burma in fact lacks the sterling necessary for such payment.

It may be possible that Thakin Nu will model his compensation schemes on those of Eastern Europe—he is reported to favour them—and may offer payment in state bonds.

But if this method is adopted by Burma it is not likely to be any better received in Britain than have been the similar proposals from Eastern Europe in the companies whose properties have been nationalised. Burma's lack of sterling for making compensation payments may, however, have its bright side. It may serve to relieve fears about Burma's future rice exports since it should mean that Burma will need to export the maximum quantity of rice in order to earn sterling—Reuter.

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## PI Revenue Increase

Manila, June 26.

Internal revenue collections of the Republic continued to increase, according to latest official figures by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Collections for the month of May this year totalled more than \$10,000,000, which represents an increase of \$5,000,000 over the figure for the month of May, 1947.—Reuter.

## Secret British Process

Wolverhampton, June 27.

Ductile Steel, Limited, claims development of a new steel-making process which will prove as revolutionary as the Bessemer furnace. The new process the Company said, will make it possible for rolling mills in England's Midlands to cast their own steel billets instead of bringing them in from steel works.

"The rudimentary principle," said the Company's chairman, Frank Hall, "is that light scrap, which is easily obtainable and of little use to steel makers, and other metals can be fused with a mixture discovered by our inventor and melted into the finest quality steel ready for pouring into moulds."

## NOT ILLEGAL

Shanghai, June 27.

The buying and selling of silver and other metal coins is not illegal, according to a recent order of the Ministry of Judicial Administration to the Shanghai District Court, reports the well-known independent Chinese paper, Ta Kung Pao. Coins involved in such buying or selling are, therefore, not subject to confiscation.—Reuter.

## EXPERTS DID A GOOD JOB

Frankfurt, June 26.

The men who engineered the new currency for Western Germany reported tonight that they were well satisfied with the results of the first week.

The United States and British financial strategists, Jack Bennett and Sir Eric Coates, said that the new Deutsche marks brought out quantities of hoarded goods "beyond expectations."

The experts told a press conference that the West German financial structure will be modelled after the American system. Something like a federal reserve system will be established, under the control of a Deutsche Laender, Mr. Bennett and Sir Eric said.

It was said that the Military Government planned to restrict the circulation of Deutsche marks to 10 billion and that the French, British and United States occupation armies will withhold approximately 70,000,000 new marks to conduct their business.

Sir Eric Coates said that iron-clad credit control must be exercised to ensure success.

He said: "We must shut our ears and harden our hearts to hard-luck stories until the economy settles down. If we lose our heads and our tempers, we shall have lost our entire operation."—United Press.

## TRUMAN SIGNS TRADE ACT

Washington, June 26.

President Harry Truman today signed into law the one-year extension of the Reciprocity Trade Agreements Act which the US Congress approved in place of the three-year continuation of the administration had requested.

The measure changes the procedure to give the Tariff Commission a bigger role in the negotiation of any new duty-reducing agreements which may be sought.—Associated Press.

## RUBBER WAGE BOOST

Cleveland, June 27.

The third member of the rubber industry "big four" granted a wage increase of 11 cents an hour on Saturday that raised to approximately 69,000 the number of workers receiving the boost.

B. F. Goodrich Company and the Columbia Industrial Organizational United Rubber Workers' Union announced an agreement covering about 17,000 employees. Price boosts in types are expected as a result.—Associated Press.

## Carrying It Too Far?

London, June 27.

The Financial Times said editorially today that Government emphasis on the importance of synthetic rubber to America may be carrying "strategic arguments too far."

The Times quoted Board of Trade Harold Wilson's statement that rubber as a commodity could materially help to "straighten out the world balance of payments problem."

"That is true enough," the newspaper said. "Rubber is the principal export of the sterling area to the United States."

"The strategic importance of the synthetic industry to America must not be overlooked. But the Americans are preparing to spend an unprecedented sum on European aid."

"Surely it is reasonable to ask them to consider whether they might make some of that aid unnecessary by their own action."—Associated Press.

## NY Stock Market

New York, June 27.

Railroad issues were heavy favourites in this week's stock market.

While the long popular oil and gas issues and many leading industrial issues bogged down, the railroad group in midweek pounded ahead to the highest average since August, 1946 and stayed there despite profit taking sales.

The overall effect of these manoeuvres was to leave the general price level just about where it was at the close of trading last week.

The market started the week with the sharpest overall decline in more than a month. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the price average pulled ahead sharply, barely missing a new 22 month peak. Thursday, selling pressure increased in late dealings. Friday, the market tried a comeback but the buying wave was not big enough.

Wall Street kept a close eye on the Republican convention but trading policy was little affected. For some weeks the financial district generally has believed the next U.S. President will be a Republican. That belief has generated buying power this spring and will probably exert some leverage on stock prices this summer.—Associated Press.

## SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

Bombay—Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas 174 Rupees, 14 Annas; Forward, 174, 12; Marwar (unofficial) 174, 08; Gold, delivered, per tola 115, 00; Forward, (unofficial) 115, 11; Gold, Sovereign 74, 08.—One tola is equal to 3/16 of an ounce.

Buenos Aires—Sovereign, buyers 99.00, sellers 103.00; U.S. Eagles, buyers 172.00, sellers 178.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers 9.80b, sellers 10.00b.

Alexandria—Gold, per "dihem" 153 piastres, Egyptian pound 470; Sovereign 482, Turkey pound 340; Napoleon 350, Dollar (piece de cinq) 470; Silver (piastres) per kilogram 825. One "dihem" is equal to 1/10th of an ounce.

Bangkok—Gold, Bar, per baht-weight of 15.244 grammes unquoted Exchange Rate (Selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 20.40, London 20.50; Hong Kong 3.72.—Reuter.

## AID FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

Paris, June 27.

The committee for European Economic Cooperation will itself decide on the allocations of aid funds to the various Marshall plan nations, M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, told the Assembly Foreign Affairs Commission today.

M. Bidault said that Mr. Averell Harriman has decided to leave the responsibility of distributing aid allocations to European organizing.—United Press.

## PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

Paris, June 27.

The Executive Committee of the permanent International Commission of the Congress of the peoples of Europe, Asia and Africa, created at its first meeting in Paris last week-end, today stated that the Committee would have its headquarters in Paris under the chairmanship of the British Socialist, Mr. Fenner Brockway.—Reuter.

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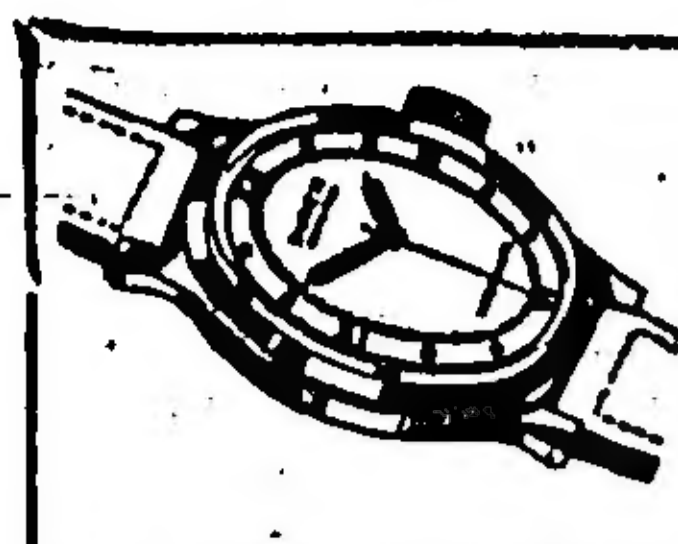
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## Australians Have A Commanding Lead

Lords, June 26.

Australia were 478 runs ahead with six second innings' wickets outstanding in the second Test Match against England at Lords at the end of the third day's play. After dismissing England for 215 runs in reply to their first innings of 350, the tourists put up 343 for the loss of four wickets when stumps were drawn today.

The Australian batsmen took complete revenge for their moderate first innings' display. The sun-baked crowd saw England's bowling so thoroughly mastered that, with two days left, Australia have a commanding lead.

England have, so far, been out-played in almost every phase of the game. Whereas Australia appear to be the complete Test combination, England have too many weak links and face the prospect of defeat in all five Tests, unless helped by the weather.

Today's consolation was Bradman's feat in dismissing Bradman for the fourth successive time in two Tests this summer. There was a vast difference between the merits of the two attacks. England lacked Australia's hostility and deadly accuracy, but their fielding was again admirable. Washbrook and Edrich taking brilliant catches.

Wright, with a maiden over, and Coxon opened the attack after lunch when the Australian score stood at 115 without loss. Glencox's fourth ball for his seventh boundary—Morris reached 51 in 90 minutes.

Conditions were ideal for batting on a true pitch, bright sunshine and the absence of wind. But Barnes enjoyed a stroke of luck when, with his score 35 he turned a short ball from fine leg, where Coxon made a vain attempt to hold a catch inches from the turf.

**Morris' Bad Luck**  
Coxon, never sure in his length, gave way to Laker. Barnes completed his 50 in two hours, but in the next over he without addition to the total, Morris was bowled when playing forward to a fine leg spinner from Wright.

Batting for just over two hours, Morris hit one six and eight fours. His dismissal came just when he appeared set to make history by becoming the first cricketer ever to score two centuries in an England versus Australia Test more than once. He scored 122 and 124 not out against England in the fourth Test at Adelaide in 1946-47.

Bradman, given a magnificent reception, scored a single off the first ball he received and after Barnes had almost played on, back came Bradman to attack Bradman's leg stump with his usual leg trap.

**Don In Trouble**  
Bradman took four off the second over, but with a nicely timed stroke through the slips, Bradman, eager to get runs, found no more opportunities in that over, but in the next he pounded Wright for two boundaries through the cluster of short legs.

Wright was promptly replaced by Laker at 138. Laker had an expiring experience in his first over when Bradman was in trouble. The second ball struck the inside edge of Bradman's bat and skidded down to short leg as he played a forward defensive stroke. Bradman completely missed the third and fifth balls and was almost bowled each time.

The partnership added 20 in half an hour, 150 going up in 155 minutes. Bradman stayed for a long time at 13. Then he hooked a long hop from Laker to the boundary for his fourth boundary. Bradman, taking the new ball, surprised Bradman with two successive out-swingers. The next ball, going the other way, was nicked between Edrich and Coxon in the slips for four lucky runs. Coxon also had Barnes in trouble.

**Low Scoring**  
With Bradman easing up after his escapes and Barnes as patient and watchful as a few, runs came slowly for a few overs. With Australia leading by more than 300 runs, the crowd expected more entertaining batting; and Barnes was subjected to mild barracking. By way of revenge, Barnes drove Coxon to the cover boundary and, while Bradman retrieved the ball, walked half way down the pitch, bowed and dropped his cap. Barnes had then been batting three hours 20 minutes for 70.

For over after over Bradman attacked Bradman's middle and leg stumps with his late inswinger. Hulton and Yardley waited at short fine leg and backwash short.

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## Henley Regatta Draw

Henley, June 20.

Kent School, Connecticut, winners of the Thames challenge cup last year, have drawn against the Liverpool Victoria eight for the first round of the event at Henley regatta, starting on Wednesday. Princeton University drew Trinity College of Cambridge University crew.

If the two American eights win, they meet in the next round. Jean Spheriade, favourite to win the Diamond Sculls, drew I. Stephen of South Africa in the first round.

In preliminary heats, the Belgian scullers W. Culbert and B. Piessens drew J. F. R. Hanna of Ireland and V. M. T. Wood, an Australian policeman, respectively.

Jack Kelly, American holder of the Diamonds, is not defending his title. Associated Press.

**Two Sixes**  
At tea Barnes needed seven for his century in his first Test at Lords, and Australia led by 353. In the final stages of his first Test—century in England—Barnes took no chances, but at last Laker bowled him a full toss, which by some straight to the pavilion rails.

This gave Barnes 102, including ten fours, in four hours five minutes. The only previous century by Barnes against England was at Sydney in December, 1946, when he and Bradman each scored 234.

His goal achieved, Barnes punished Laker for 20 in one over, including two brilliant pulled drives, for sixes.

Bradman looked to be playing carefully for his century, but Barnes was in a good mood. Twice in an over he jumped out and drove Yardley for fours, then turned his attention to Compton and found the boundary with a square cut which pierced the defensive line.

Barnes tried another huge hit off Yardley, but Washbrook, fielding at long-on, held a fine catch only a yard inside the boundary. A moment later, the great crowd burst into the biggest roar of the match. Hulton was out first ball playing forward defensively to Yardley he missed his stroke and his off stump went out of the ground. Miller avoided the hat-trick.

**Washbrook Hurt**  
Barnes had played a grand innings for four hours 35 minutes and hit two sixes and 14 fours. Washbrook damaged his hands in catching Barnes and

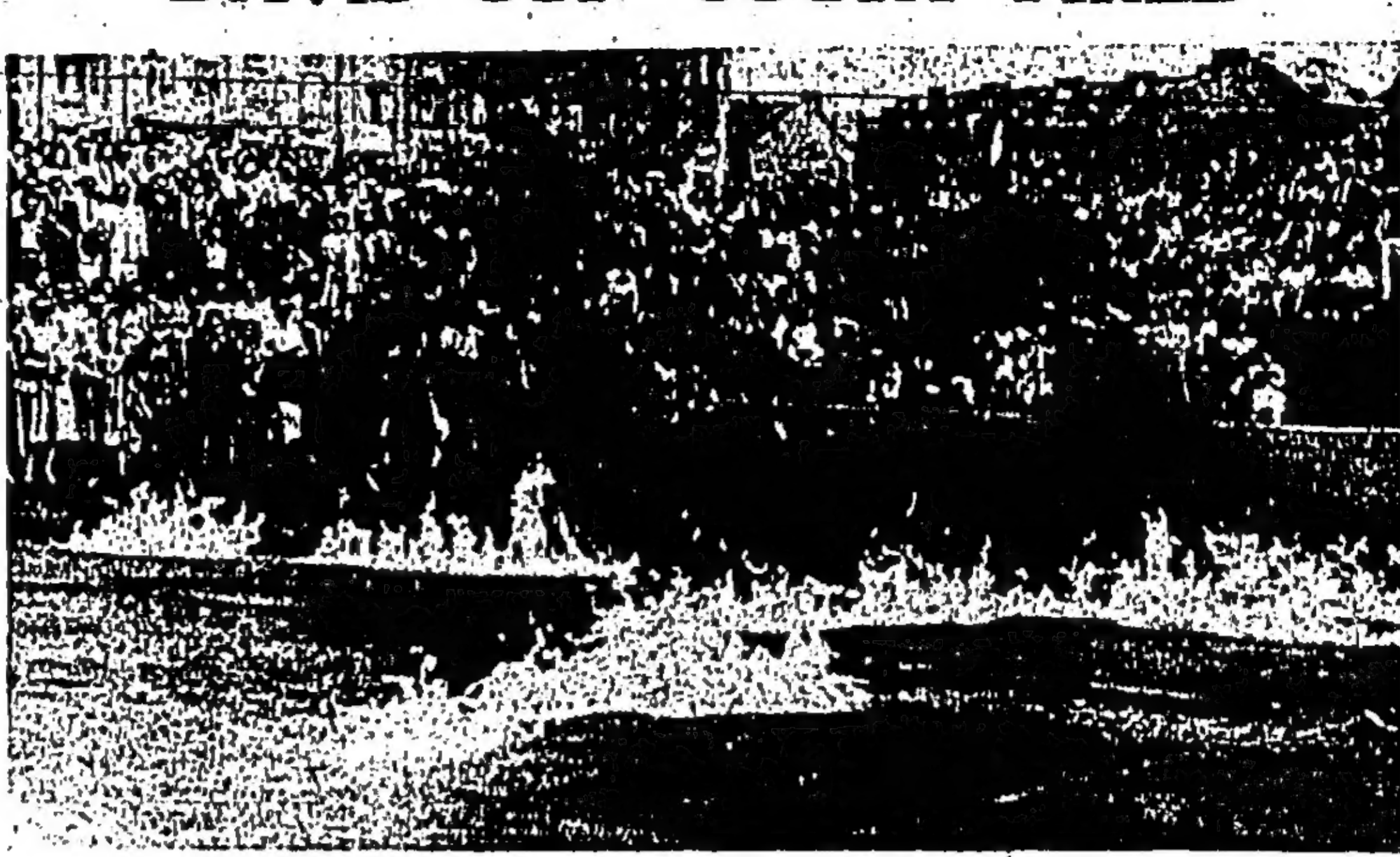
**WEAKENED YORKSHIRE TEAM COLLAPSES**  
London, June 26.  
Weakened by Test claims, Yorkshire collapsed at Chesterfield against Derbyshire, being dismissed in their first innings for 44, the lowest total of the season. Going in again 233 runs behind, they had lost three wickets for 15 at the close of play.

George Pope, Derbyshire's right-arm bowler, was the main cause of Yorkshire's total collapse. Pitching the ball on the leg stump, he kept a perfect length and moved the ball across to the off very quickly. His six for 12 was a performance worthy of an England opening bowler, and an even better display than the seven for 34 with which he routed the present leaders, Glamorgan, earlier this year.

Pope then added to Yorkshire's disaster by scoring 73 against their bowling. The crowd at Loughborough were treated to a spell of whirlwind hitting by J. Walsh, whose century was accomplished in 95 minutes, with the aid of seven sixes and 10 fours.

**Scoreboards**  
Close of play scores:  
At Manchester: Lancashire 170; Gloucestershire 135 for 4.  
At Chesterfield: Yorkshire 44 (Pope 6 for 12) and 15 for 3; Derbyshire 277 (Elliott 62, Pope 73).  
At Cardiff: Glamorgan 378 (E. Davies 71); Middlesex 35 for 3.  
At Loughborough: Leicester-

## DAVIS CUP COURT FIRED



SPECTATORS wait patiently while committee men fire the Davis Cup Court on June 14. Petrol was poured on and the court fired as a last attempt to make it usable during the third round of the Davis Cup play between Sweden and Hungary. Play was eventually continued with the victory going to Sweden.—AP Photo.

## WIMBLEDON

## FILIPINOS THRILL CAPACITY CROWD, BEAT BRITONS

London, June 26.

Two human dynamos, Filipinos Raymundo Deyro and Felicissimo Ampon, revelling in the hot sun today, gave a capacity crowd at Wimbledon a thrill and two top flight English players a tennis lesson.

They defeated Hedley Baxter, a member of the present Davis Cup team, and R. Carter, an English county player, 7-5, 7-5, 6-0.

Both—tiny men—compared with their lanky opponents, covered the court better and played inspired tennis.

Ampon said after the match that all the praise should be given to the sunshine, which today at the end of the first week of the championships, was really hot.

The two Englishmen realised from the first two games of the match that they were up against something really tough, but could find no answer to the superb retrieving of their two little opponents. They made a close fight of the set, however, and only lost off Carter's errors in the critical last game.

**Run Off Feet**  
In the second set the Filipinos served first and ran to a 3-1 lead. Then Deyro faltered and let the Englishmen creep up to level the scores again at 4-4.

Try as they would, the Englishmen never regained the lost initiative in that set and in the final set they were never given a chance and were almost exhausted by the speed that Ampon and Deyro turned on.

The two little brown men were continually cheered as they reeled off point after point against their still struggling opponents.

Baxter and Carter enjoyed the game and paid tribute to the wonderful fitness of the winners. Ampon and Deyro are tipped to still go a long way in the doubles competition when it continues next week.

**Mottram Still In**  
Queen Mary and the biggest Wimbledon attendance yet, banking in the sun, saw the remaining fourth round matches of the men's singles played in the championships today which left four Americans, one Swede, one Hungarian, one Australian and one Briton to contest the quarter-final.

In order of the draw, they are John Bromwich, Australia, Budge Patten, Australia, and George Hendrick, of Britain, winning 6-3, 6-3, 6-0.

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## CIRCUS OPENING TONIGHT

Several thousand are expected to attend the gala opening tonight of the Kamala Circus, the first since the Liberation to visit Hong Kong.

Bookings were reported to be "heavy".

The circus, one of the largest in the world, is performing on the vacant ground opposite the Peninsula Hotel.

The curtain-raiser will be acrobatic feats by a six-year-old girl. The finale will be the most daring act, when two girls will ride on motor cycles in a steel globe riding crosswise and looping.

Among the other highlights are the five-person Flying Trapeze act, contortion dances, balancing feats, lion and goat acts and Diamond, the horse star performer. Diamond will end his act by lying inert while attendants put him into a sack and carry him away on a stretcher.

Clovens will provide the lighter side of the programme. The circus has 100 artistes of different nationalities.

Fatal injuries were received by a Chinese man, aged about 40, who fell from the second floor of 83 Queen's Road East at 11.50 a.m. yesterday. He was rushed to hospital immediately after the accident, but died on the way.

**Bromwich Favourite**  
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## Looking For Successor To Joe Louis

New York, June 26.

The head man of boxing today sought a youthful successor to Joe Louis because of the champion's retirement after his knockout victory over Jersey Joe Walcott in the million-dollar fiasco of "old man" at Yankee Stadium.

They said the 34-year-old principals of last night's golden flopper would have been tossed out of the ring for stalling had they been preliminary boys. Yet each will share in the rich harvest of the fight—\$41,739 at the gate and additional funds from radio, movies and television that must swell the total receipts well beyond \$1,000,000.

The 42,000 fans who witnessed the twice-postponed extravaganza of ineffectiveness forgot some of their resentment when they realized they had been present at the last performance of a once-great champion who held the heavyweight crown longer than any other title-holder.

**Lousy Fight**  
Louis got some consolation from the fact that he was bowled out undefeated when he announced his retirement in his dressing room, but even he admitted it was a "lousy fight". Sol Strauss, promoter of the 20th Century Sporting Club, was pleased with the excellent gate, but he was so displeased with the dull fight that he announced there would be no immediate tournament to pick a new heavyweight champion.

"We need young men to compete for tomorrow," he said. "We will stage bouts among youngsters and someone may come up who can fight for the crown next year. The heavyweight division must have young blood from now on."

Louis, whose share of the proceeds will be close to \$500,000, was hit champion.

**Walcott's Plans**  
Columns of praise were heaped on Joe Louis by the afternoon papers' sports writers here today, but they unanimously declared that last night's world heavyweight title fight was the dullest and flattest in history. Almost every newspaper featured huge front page pictures of the fight and one showed Louis' flop to the canvas in the third round and Walcott's semi-climber after two minutes and 58 seconds of the 11th round.

The pictures show Walcott beaming as he stands over the floored Louis. They show Walcott winning with pain as he slumps down in the 11th round. —United Press and Reuter.

## MATCH FOR WALCOTT?

New York, June 26.  
The 20th Century Sporting Club today announced plans for matching Gus Leasnevich against possibly Joe Walcott or Ezzard Charles in a heavyweight bout at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 22 at a step toward filling the vacant championship. —United Press.

**BASEBALL STANDINGS**  
New York, June 27.  
Baseball league standings: —  
NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Percentage
Boston	35	28	55.4
St. Louis	34	28	54.7
Pittsburgh	33	27	55.0
New York	31	28	52.5
Philadelphia	30	32	48.4
Brooklyn	27	30	47.4
Cincinnati	27	33	44.9
Chicago	24	34	40.0

	Won	Lost	Percentage
Cleveland	30	32	48.4
Philadelphia	28	28	50.0
New York	26	25	50.9
Boston	25	28	47.6
Detroit	20	31	39.5
Washington	22	33	40.0
St. Louis	23	35	39.7
Chicago	18	37	32.7

—Associated Press.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
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Philadelphia... 28... 28... 50.0  
New York... 26... 25... 50.9  
Boston... 25... 28... 47.6  
Detroit... 20... 31... 39.5  
Washington... 22... 33... 40.0  
St. Louis... 23... 35... 39.7  
Chicago... 18... 37... 32.7

—Associated Press.

**Indians One Ahead In League Race**  
New York, June 26.  
Big Bob Muncie, hottest pitcher on the Cleveland Indians' staff, twirled a fancy three-hit game Saturday to give the Tribe a 5-0 victory over Washington Senators. The victory gave the veteran righthander a string of 25 and one-third scoreless innings and put the Indians one game ahead in the American League race.

Keeping close on the heels of Indians, the second place Athletics behind Lou Brissie defeated the last-place Chicago White Sox, 4-2. Athletics made the most of five hits off Marion Pierotti while White Sox wasted most of their 10 hits. Charlie Harris relieved Brissie in the eighth inning.

The third-place Yankees remained a half game behind Athletics by bunting seven runs in four innings to tame Detroit Tigers 6-5.

Eddie Dyer's St. Louis Cardinals kept in the thick of the National League race by defeating Dodgers 6-3 to snap Brooklyn's four-game winning streak. Pinched Murry Dickson went all the way for the Redbirds, limiting Brooklyn to seven hits including a ninth-inning homer by catcher Gli Hodges. Stan Musial continued his one-man onslaught on National League pitchers by clouting a homer, a double and two singles in five trips to the plate to boost his batting average to .408.

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## Services' Water Polo League

The clash between Navy's "A" and "B" teams in the Services Water Polo League did not produce the usual high standard of play but Navy, "A" by virtue of their 4-1 victory now head the league.

There were frequent stoppages for minor fouls throughout the game in which "A" were the better side. "B" side tried hard but when they did get through Ord, Seaman Brown brought off many fine saves.

Inaakings lost to H.Q.L.F. side by 3 goals to 2.

Highlight of the week was the First Round tie of the B.P.F. Cup when H.M.S. London met the 8th Destroyer Flotilla. The "B" scored first and in a thrilling fast game the must meet again.

The play has been arranged for Monday at 5.30 p.m. League Table up to date:—

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Navy "A"	6	5	0	0	10
Navy "B"	5	4	0	1	9
H.Q.L.F.	7	2	0	0	14
Inaak	5	1	0	0	10
8th Flt	5	0	4	1	10

**OLYMPIC TEAM IN FORM**  
Singapore, June 26.  
The Chinese Olympic soccer team netted three goals in the last ten minutes of the game against the Malay Chinese team this evening after being held off for 80 minutes.

Attacking persistently, the Chinese Olympians displayed perfect combination and neat passing but were poor in goal-getting, missing easy scoring opportunities.

Tomorrow, the Olympic team will play an All-Malaya combine. —United Press.

## DAVIS CUP TEAM FOR SEMI-FINAL

London, June 26.  
Britain's Davis Cup team, to play Sweden in the European semi-final in Stockholm on July 9, 10 and 11, will be: Henry Billington, Tony Mottram, Don Butler and Geoff Paton.

One change has been made from the team which defeated the Netherlands, veteran Don Butler coming back in place of Hedley Baxter.

Butler, 38 years old, put up a great fight against Tom Brown on the opening day of the Wimbledon championships. —Associated Press.